

Exeter Arts and Culture Advisory Commission

February 8th, 2022; 6:30 pm

Draft meeting minutes

This meeting was held from 6:30 pm to 7:27pm in the Novak Room

In attendance: Anthony Callendrello, Marissa Vitolo, Bruce Jones, Scott Ruffner, Dawn Amey, Mary Paige-Provost, David Tovey

Absent: Lovey Roundtree Oliff (Select Board Representative), Dave Drouin, Todd Hearon

AGENDA

1. Call to order: 6:32pm
2. Review/Approval of December 14th, 2021 meeting minutes
-approved unanimously
3. New Business
 - a. Update on short term goals
 - i. Founders Park sculpture renovation
 1. funds received - tentative for April (weather dependent)
 - a. Bruce J. as liaison
 2. David T. to ask Greg B. (Parks and Rec) about preservation help for the future
 3. plaque: artist perspective; quote; people represented in the sculpture
 - ii. Town Hall – Capital improvement activity
 1. prioritize Town Hall as community center
 2. Russ Dean, asst Town Manager, Parks and Rec, Town Works, Energy Committee
 - a. filtration/UVC - COVID safe - ARPA money (\$1.6mill)
 - b. \$120,000 for HVAC
 - i. competitive bids needed but work should happen before summer 2022
 - c. energy efficiency/insulation project unfunded at this time - Jeff B. coordinating
 3. Town Hall should be registered as historic - grant opportunities/funding
 - a. Mary P. to help get this off the ground (contact with NH Historic Register)
 - b. reach out to Historical Society - was historic registration tried before
 - i. Mary P. and Tony C. to reach out to folks regarding this
 4. future fundraising plans - volunteers needed
 - a. Pine Street Players, Chamber, Word Barn, etc... can help with bringing in \$; chairs have value
 - b. other committees will need to be involved - municipal initiative
 - i. keep to the vision - preserve and improve
 5. Modernize lights (gallery included), sound, additional outlets (gallery included), stairs, green-room, bathroom downstairs
 - a. model to keep gallery open with a monthly show
 - b. downstairs performances and upstairs art shows coordinated
 - b. Town meeting warrant articles - March 8th
 - i. Article 31- Naming of Arts and Culture Commission as expenditure agent
 1. receipt of donations fund for gallery
 2. \$1800
 3. Tony to ask about Treasury stuff
 - ii. Article 30 - Non-capital reserve fund for Town Hall improvements
 1. revenues generated to pay for maintenance, improvements, etc...
 2. \$5000 seed money

3. donations can be accepted
 - c. Update on sculpture in Townhouse Common
 - i. Sub-committee - Marissa, Scott, Dawn
 - ii. potential for summer opening
 - iii. stage (in design phase), lights, art, food trucks, pop-up art shows
 - iv. Parks and Rec improvements happening now
 - v. choosing a day of the week
 - vi. seasonal art and permanent art
 1. Joe Gray's sculpture needs to go to Selectboard - accept the donation
 2. Jeff P at PEA - donation of granite base
 - vii. media needed, but what and how
 - d. Article 33 - make Swasey closed to through traffic but have parking and turn-around
 - e. Commission goals for 2022
 - i. murals!! - temporary options and no damage to buildings - on vinyl
 1. Dawn to find out more info - installation and proposal options
 - ii. art/history walks
 1. AARP grant money
 2. David T has been researching ways to add art/revitalize the area
 3. designate arts district
 4. Meredith has a model we could look at for inspo - self guided with maps and website
 5. Travis Kerber's [app](#) for Historical Society
 6. link-tree things to do in Exeter that connects all the websites
 - iii. Empty lot on Water St where cobbler used to be.
 1. Tony to work with Elliot/Nancy - what could it be?
 2. Ruffner has a lot as well
 - iv. Riverside Arts Jam (TEAM did this in 2019)
 1. food, music, art
 2. goal to be annual
 3. work with Condo Assoc
4. Other Business
 - a. Youth Art Month is happening - last 3 weekends in March 2022 12p-4p Sat and Sun (12p-2p 3/29)
 - b. David T to send Tony a packet to add to stuff for next mtg
 5. Adjourn 740p
 6. March 8th next mtg