

Exeter Arts and Culture Advisory Commission

March 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, Todd Hearon, Mary Paige-Provost, David Tovey

Absent: Lovey Roundtree Oliff (Select Board Representative), Dave Drouin, Dawn Amey

AGENDA

1. Call to order: 6:34pm
2. Review/Approval of February 8th, 2022 meeting minutes: approved anonymously
3. New Business
 - a. Update on 2022 goals
 - i. Founders Park sculpture renovation
 1. the contractor needs to hear from Park and Rec (Greg B.)
 - ii. Town Hall
 1. Discussion of historic registry status. See the following for background
 - a. [Programs, New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places, New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources \(nh.gov\)](#)
 - b. State packet very detailed but not unlike writing a grant
 - i. interior and exterior changes included
 - ii. some codes grandfathered-in
 - c. opens building up to LCHIP funds, Mooseplate funds, and help with other possible changes
 - d. Tony to email Julie Gilman to help us move forward with this registry process
 - e. National register process more intense but provides more opportunities
 2. HVAC formal approval to be sought after today's election - goes before selectboard to start collecting bids
 3. Back stairs need to be part of the larger improvement project
 - a. necessary for productions so upstairs can be utilized as green room
 - b. stairs need to be made safe again
 - c. meet with facilities committee - architects - to help steer us in the right direction
 4. Additional money for all the improvements needed in the future
 - a. volunteers to help run fundraising efforts
 5. Tony to talk with Russ Dean to get people together (several committees) to create a comprehensive plan for Town Hall
 - iii. EACAC treasurer not needed if warrant article is approved - town finance officer will deal with donations/spending
 1. we advise on what needs to be collected/spent
 - b. Update on capital improvements
 - i.

- c. Sculpture Walk – See article at this link
<https://www.wmur.com/article/tuesday-november-17th-the-meredith-sculpture-walk/34655712>
 - i. Meredith, NH has a good model which includes their own town facilities installation crew
 - 1. Mary to see if the founder of sculpture walk can meet with us next mtg 4/12/22
 - ii. sculptures are juried in for 1-3 years - annual juried exhibition
 - iii. meet with them to learn if we can recreate that here in Exeter
 - iv. funds come from donations/fundraising
 - v. Alnoba involvement????
- d. Update on Townhouse Common
 - i. Scott, Darren Winham, and David T./Greg from Parks and Rec
 - ii. TEAM and Ruffner Real Estate donated a gazebo
 - iii. Parks and Rec working on lumber for stage
 - iv. Joe Gray to donate sculpture - back up and ready to go
 - v. Jeff Plympton from Phillips Exeter to donate granite for Joe's base
 - vi. ADA compliant tables added recently
 - vii. aim is for summer 2022
 - viii. David T. brought AARP Town House Common grant for us to view
 - 1. EACAC to help make spending decisions
 - 2. deadline 3/22/22
 - 3. illumination needed
 - 4. possible water-bottle filling station
 - 5. musical installation
- 4. Festive Illumination Downtown -
 - a. Christmas Lights still up
 - i. change to year-round
 - b. Unutil could be involved to help fund
 - i. Darren Winham could contact
 - c. bandstand lights
 - d. River lights not connected - Tony will contact
- 5. Other Business
 - a. David T. attended webinar - \$ for infrastructure
 - i. bridges and roads
 - ii. could be used to “funkify” cross-walks, especially the dangerous ones
 - b. [Exploring The Flavors Of Creative Placemaking](#)
- 6. Adjourn - 7:36pm
- 7. Next Mtg 4/12/22 @ 6:30pm