

Exeter Arts and Culture Advisory Commission

November 8th, 2022; 6:32 pm

Draft meeting minutes

This meeting was held from 6:30 pm to 7:45pm in the Novak Room

In attendance: Anthony Callendrello, Marissa Vitolo, Todd Hearon, Bruce Jones, Scott Ruffner, Florence Ruffner, David Tovey

Absent: Dawn Amey, Mary Paige-Provost, Dave Drouin, Lovey Roundtree Oliff (Select Board Representative)

1. Call to order 6:30p
2. Review/Approval of draft 10/11/2022 meeting minutes (Attached): unanimous adoption
3. New Business
 - a. Town of Meredith Sculpture Walk (Mary)
 - i. zoom mtg with Bev Ingram
 1. volunteer program of Greater Meredith Program and no connection to town gov't
 2. economic development and town improvement
 3. 9 years so far
 4. 32 sites around the village (inns, parks,
 5. obtain sponsors: \$13,000-\$14,000
 6. email lists of NE artists that are sculptors
 7. Meredith hangs the art and juries the proposals
 - a. new jurors (3) every year: resident and two artists
 8. process applications each spring
 9. Agreement between the land owner, sculptor, and Greater Meredith Program
 - a. artist: photo rights, maintenance
 - b. each party provides own liability insurance
 - c. shared agreement with us
 - d. \$150 dollar stipend to artist upon arrival
 - e. no fee or commission on sales of art
 10. 60-70 applications each year but only typically pick 16-17 new ones each year
 - a. chosen for 1 year for sure and 2nd year with new application for jury process
 - b. 16 to 17 new sculptures each year
 - c. matches sculptures to vacant sites
 - d. subcommittees -
 - i. ground team that meet artists and show them the site, do the heavy lifting, and secure the work
 - ii. docents: walking guided tours; brochure
 11. gala at the end of the year
 - ii. time frame per art depends on locations
 - iii. Stipend?
 - iv. Discussion:
 1. Start with permanent art in Exeter
 2. Portsmouth has had a model where they connect property owners with artists
 3. Locations possible: Stewart Park, Town House Common, Ex Station Properties, Historical Society, Train Station, Handkerchief factory, Tuck/YMCA
 4. Already has art: Founders Park, Bandstand, Library, PEA, Gail Park
 - b. Update on 2022 goals
 - i. Town Hall (Tony/Scott)
 1. J. Gilman and T. Callendrello:Heritage Committee NH Preservation Alliance
 - a. grant application for 3D and facility assessment plan

- b. grant matches up to \$4500
 - c. actual cost of plan \$18650
 - 2. AARPA Grant Money: HVAC upgrades at Town Hall (parallel initiative)
 - a. One HVAC bid so far = \$120000
 - i. Flo to reach out to some of her real-estate HVAC contacts for additional bids
 - ii. Keep Jeff Beck involved in process
 - b. Chairs: 300 Lifetime commercial grade foldable chairs which are accessible
 - c. Lights:
 - i. need to research what the former Exeter Arts Committee bought since the track lighting should match.
 - ii. need electrician to check specs to find out what can be added and what switching all track lighting to LED bulbs would change in terms of wattage used
 - iii. track lights with four heads range from \$80-\$160 depending on vendor
 - d. Marissa calls a motion a vote to recommend that the select board allocate AARPA grants funds for upgrades to the Exeter Town Hall.
 - i. unanimous vote to recommend
- 4. Other New Business (All)
 - a. Scott motions to recommend that the Exeter Selectboard promote all annual non-profit community events.
 - i. unanimous vote to recommend
 - ii. EACAC needs a logo
 - b. Review of Officer positions
 - i. Motion to nominate Marissa as the Chair and Scott as Vice Chair/Secretary
 - ii. unanimous vote to name new officers
- 5. Adjourn: 7:45pm