

Meeting of Town of Exeter Arts & Culture Advisory Commission

Date: 03/21/23 **Time:** 6:30pm

This meeting takes place in the Town Hall Art Gallery.

In attendance: Scott Ruffner, Flo Ruffner, Bruce Jones, Marissa Vitolo, Todd Hearon, Mary-Page Provost, Dave Touey, Julie Gilman (Selectboard rep)

Absent: Dawn Amey, Anthony Callendrello, Dave Drouin

1. Call to order 6:36pm
2. Review/Approval of the previous meeting's minutes (Attached): approved unanimously
3. Update on goals and recommendations
 - a. Dino Park
 - i. Basketball court at Dino Park may be more easily approved and get people excited about public art
 1. ELO students at Exeter High School ready to go
 - a. Adam Krauss is the teacher: Marissa will email
 - b. Students need a professional artist to work with to get their HS Credit
 - i. Students create the proposal with some sort of recreational aspect (basketball lines, four square, etc...)
 - c. Parks and Rec involvement – bring to the board then Selectboard would need to be presented with this information
 - i. Dave T will bring it to Greg @ Parks and Rec
 - b. Crosswalks continued from 2/21/23:
 - i. Asphalt Art - review
 1. [Link to guide](#)
 2. Art Upfront Street willing to help with crosswalk by that business
 3. Exeter Station Studios artists are interested in participating as well.
 4. 4 total with artists submitting a design based on a template – image of idea presented as well
 - ii. Amesbury Public Art Initiative
 1. [Link to projects](#)
 2. Mary to reach out to Amesbury Cultural Council
 - c. Chairs at the Town Hall
 - i. Wooden chairs to be sold first (around 250)
 1. Public first dibs
 2. McMahon at salvage yard
 - a. Flo to call for chair resale value
 3. Lifetime chairs still the ones being considered to replace wooden ones (\$14000 to \$15000 estimate)
 - d. Swasey Parkway update
 - i. Current project (sewer siphon) is taking longer – end TBD
 - ii. Citizen's petition to reverse 2022 vote final decision is still in limbo

- iii. Farmer's market wants to stay in Swasey and is considering make it more of an event with music, art, etc...
 - 1. Community Fridge, cooking demos using local stuff, including booths for town committees

4. New Business

- a. Overseer of the Town Hall Gallery
 - i. Interested parties reaching out for monthly shows
 - ii. \$200 per show – could that money go back into the TH account to help pay for repairs and consumables instead of going to the town revolving fund?
 - iii. Scott met with Greg (Parks/Rec)
 - 1. New application specific to art gallery
 - 2. TH Warrant article to be reviewed as to if the money can be separated into the original gallery fund
 - a. Dave to speak with Greg
 - b. Marissa to send out the draft application for committee to review
 - i. Include rider insurance info
- b. Potential masterplan and town hall revolving fund
 - i. Historic bldg. conditions assessment
 - 1. Historic building preservation/status – national register – opens up federal funding
 - ii. Future needs assessment
 - iii. BIM – laser/digital assessment (may not be needed)
 - iv. How is Town Hall getting used?
 - 1. Public sessions
 - 2. Future warrant article possible for changes to Town Hall
 - 3. 4/2/23 TH Masterplan Committee to meet
 - a. Input from all the interested groups

5. Adjourn: 7:23pm