

Meeting of Town of Exeter Arts & Culture Advisory Commission

Date: 12/23 Time: 6:30pm

Nowak Room

In attendance: Marissa Vitolo, Scott Ruffner, Dawn Amey, Tony Callendrello, Bruce Jones, Flo Ruffner,

Absent: Mary Page Provost, Todd Hearon, Danielle Capalbo

1. Call to order 6:34pm
2. Adoption of Minutes from 11/12/23
 - a. move to adopt and unanimous
3. Update on goals and recommendations
 - a. Parks and Rec Permitting
 - i. Town Hall Art Gallery branded - Bruce was a part of this
 - ii. stream-line the use within the permits
 1. guidelines for the use of the space as a shared gallery/event space
 - b. Updates from Town Hall surveys
 - i. stakeholder input - Tony spoke with Tracy from the architecture firm
 1. bathrooms
 - a. stairway to basement
 - b. front ticket office area
 2. plans presented in January 2024 so agreements/pricing can be made
 3. energy assessment being done
 - c. Signage to show that Town Hall Gallery is open and to inform the community of events, the website (at least)
 - i. Scott talked with Russ and the signage is being considered
 - ii. Greg looked into pricing for digital signs
 1. Scott will follow up with Greg and Russ
 - iii. keeping with the nature of the history of the area
 - iv. research into digital signs in other historic areas, as well as, prices, sizes, etc...
 1. How much is in the capital fund?
 - v. current sign: application process with two week windows and DPW has to change the signs; right now it's only for groups using town properties
 1. Could the website just be painted onto the white board for now?
4. New Business
 - a. Town Hall chairs
 - i. New chairs were purchased with four chair dollies as requested by our committee
 1. Storage is an issue and takes up the whole coat/ticket/concessions space
 2. What is the plan for storing the chairs/dollies?
 - a. Does the architecture firm know that these dollies need to be accommodated?
 - i. Tracy will be updated.
 - ii. Could they be put to use elsewhere?
 - ii. Scott/Tony were part of the Exeter Scholarship fund in December - lots of positive feedback
 - b. Empty lot on Water street - donated to the town
 - i. There is a committee being created to help design the space.
 1. Our committee and their committee could work together.
 - ii. Nancy on board with a sculpture.
 - c. Nico and Paul V are looking into a location for Joe Gray's other sculpture.
 - i. Phillips Exeter Involvement

- d. Anne Kenny on the agenda for the future meeting - available for
- 5. Next Mtg: January the 10th
- 6. Adjourn: 7:15pm