

Meeting of Town of Exeter Arts & Culture Advisory Commission

Date: 05/9/2023 **Time:** 630p

This meeting takes place in the Town Hall Art Gallery.

In attendance: Marissa Vitolo, Bruce Jones, Dawn Amey, Mary Page Provost, Scott Ruffner, Julie Gilman

Absent: F. Ruffner, T. Hearon, A. Callendro

Call to order: 6:33p

Adoption of Minutes: unanimous adoption

1. Town Hall Masterplan:
 - a. Scott went to selectboard
 - b. Park and Rec collecting chair donations
 - i. Donation amount to be presented to the selectboard and the rest will be covered by Town Hall Revolving Fund
 - ii. Pine Street, Kiwanis, Water Street Bookstore, etc....
 - c. Assessments/Future Needs Studies were approved by Selectboard
2. Pavement Art
 - a. Dino Park Update - mural on hold
 - b. Pathway through founders park
 - c. Crosswalks/Asphalt Art - MPP talked with Amesbury
 - i. overnight painting process or possibly a weekend depending on the street
 1. JG to ask Chief about that
 - ii. lights, etc...
 - iii. What kind of paint? What kind of sealant? What kind of road is allowed to be painted? - check on this
 1. ask Jay Perkins - FR
 - iv. reflective paint on the borders
 1. ask Mark Leighton - What does PEA use? - MV to email
 - v. sealant is important!!!
 - vi. submissions by local groups to be approved by Selectboard and voted on by the town
 1. Artist group responsible for the paint
 - d. Grant Opportunity due June 12th: <https://asphaltart.bloomberg.org/grants/>
3. Public Art
 - a. Derrick Hadad sent a message - PositiveStreetArt.org
 - i. downtown area - probably no
 - ii. Could a vinyl mural be done instead?
 - b. Town House Common
 - i. Jeff Whittum sculpture - large Alewife fish made out of recycled welded-art: 6ft-8ft sculpture
 1. Parks and Rec to photoshop the sculpture into the park to present to the Selectboard

2. Could be used to create buzz for more people to host public art
 3. around \$5000 for the sculpture
 4. crowd-funding/fundraising
 - a. \$ would come through Town of Exeter -
 - ii. Stew Estey another option for an additional recycled metal-welded sculpture
 - iii. Alewife sculptures around town as a fundraiser
 - c. Sequence of events:
 - i. Town House Common sculpture (public art)
 - ii. Student involvement - ELO students to fill in cracks in walls
 - iii. Crosswalks
 - iv. Murals
4. Swasey Parkway - shaman group found negative energy causing issues
 - a. a piece of art to appease the spirit
 - b. location and approval needed for art
 - i. Park Trustees working on master plan for park
5. Adjourn: 7:33p