

## 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