

**Exeter Arts Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes for 1/23/17**  
**Meeting Called to Order: 635p**

**In Attendance:** Marissa Vitolo, Sharon Marston, Scott Ruffner, Karen Desrosiers, Karen Noonan, Kathy Lewis-Thompson

**Absent:**

**Guests:**

Item #	Topic	Discussion	Outcome/Action
1.	Approve December Minutes		Approved as Written
2.	Approve Special Mt Minutes (1/10/17)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Handwritten notes to be filed in EAC cabinet located in EAC gallery</li> </ul>	Approved as Written
3.	Master Plan	<p>Question raised: At what point can the EAC add more concrete info into the Master Plan?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reference Annual Report for this.</li> </ul> <p>All members agreed that EAC needs more support from Selectmen and more money from the town.</p>	Used Karen Desrosiers filled in MP Questionnaire to be the form that represents the agreed on points of money and support
4.	25Below	<p>Chair: Marissa Vitolo            Co-chairs: Sharon Marston and Scott Ruffner            Saturday, 2/25/17 from 10am-4pm            Artists apply for two panels and a space for a 6ft table for a suggested \$25.            50% of artist's work should be \$25 or less (accessible)            Artist set-up from 830am-930am; break down from 4p-5p            Artist agrees to stay all day with their work.            Music provided.            Discussion as to whether we should also reserve downstairs.</p>	Marissa to create call and get it on website, FB page, and various other locations
5.	Youth Art Month	<p>Chair: Marissa Vitolo            Hang: 3/8/17 from 3p-7p            Weekends: 3/11-12; 3/18-19; 3/25            Pick-up 3/26 from 12-2p            Music put together by Deb Wheeler-bean (LSS Art Educator)            Deb met with SAU16 art educators and with Marissa to coordinate plan for YAM.            Other possible schools within SAU 16 discussed.</p>	<p>Sharon and Marissa will hang.            Marissa to send sitting schedule to art educators and to EAC members.            Marissa to reach out to non-SAU16 schools.            Marissa to buy Velcro dots for show – reimbursed by EAC.</p>
6.	Spring Show	<p>Chair: Kathy Lewis Thompson            Hang: 4/4/17 4pm-8pm            Weekends: 4/8-9; 4/15-16; 4/22-23</p>	Kathy to create call to artists, etc...
7.	TEAM May Event	<p>Town Exeter Arts and Music Festival            Run by Scott Ruffner and his non-profit.            EAC asked to help with marketing and getting out the call to artists via mailing list in exchange for TEAM putting EAC logo on Festival publications.</p> <p>Segway into Summer Concerts at the Bandstand – Scott mentions ideas for Wednesday night event that EAC could sponsor like First Fridays. Besides music, parking in front of bandstand will be closed for possible vendors and patrons.</p>	<p>Members agreed to help market TEAM event. Scott agreed to give EAC publicity.</p> <p>Members are interested in hearing more about this.</p>
8.	Chamber Arts Festival	<p>Similar concept as Chamber's 2016 Lincoln Arts Festival            Karen Desrosiers met with Todd Deluca of the Chamber to discuss possibly working with the Chamber to help plan/work the event.            Possible ways to work with Chamber :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partner to work the event = 50% of proceeds after costs are covered</li> </ul>	<p>Karen D to ask Todd Deluca to the 2017 February meeting to discuss the plan with us in detail.</p> <p>In flux based on what is presented and how the members vote.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Art Auction planned and run by EAC = receive all the auction proceeds</li> </ul> <p>Plan: artists pay \$50 a booth and set up in Lincoln Street School's parkin lot; Chamber gets sponsors to pay all the costs not covered by booth fee; EAC spends nothing</p> <p>Event possibly on 9/16/17 or 9/23/17.</p> <p>Questions raised:  Will musicians get properly paid?  Did the Chamber learn from their mistakes made at the 2016 LS Arts Festival?  Are they asking to use our artists?</p>	
9.	Meeting Dates	Discussion to change day/date so as not to conflict with Selectman's meetings or fall on holidays.	Voted to move the meeting to the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month. Feb. mtg is 2/20/17 at 630pm
10.	Revised Bylaws	<p>All changes to bylaws made at 1/10/17 meeting.</p> <p>Collaboration piece suggested to be added to mission – Scott brought in copies of a proposed mission statement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Selectmen have to approve new mission statement</li> </ul> <p>Collaborative piece moved to "Purpose and Mission" as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">In the case of collaborations with other organizations and non-profits, priority will be given to groups that also support and promote original works from artists within our local community.</p>	<p>Bylaws to be reviewed yearly and Google doc to be created so suggestions of changes to bylaws can be made.</p> <p>Voted as approved with new changes to "Purpose and Mission".</p>
11.	Unfinished Business from 1/10/17 Meeting (tabled agenda items)	<p>1. Membership (agenda item 3C):  Can we spend more time canvassing for volunteers: "Friends of the EAC"?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some SOS members volunteerto help with shows, as well as past members and current artists that hang with us.</li> <li>Suggested to keep a running list of people we can contact for additional help.</li> </ul> <p>Current Selectman as member – Dan Chartrand.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Questions raised: Is it possible to get a more active selectman to represent EAC and attend meetings.</li> </ul> <p>2. Leadership Changes (agenda item 4):  Current members to rotate out of roles with nominations and voting to take place. (4a)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion over officer roles and what they entail. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Job of Chair and Vice chair presented as a lot of work and time-sensitive.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Older members voiced concern that newer members may create instability while the younger members stated that officer roles changes could take some burden off. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stated that some members do not readily come forward to accept new responsibilities</li> </ul> </li> <li>Nominations attempted but were tabled <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kathy LT stated that she would not to step down as EAC Chair.</li> <li>Suggestion to wait until February to think over the officer role changes.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>3. Term limit/time-frame assigned to officer roles (4b)  No policies for term limits in current bylaws</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggested two or three years</li> <li>Nominations/voting occurs after each term is up</li> </ul>	<p>Karen D. suggested looking through our email lists to see if a group has been created by former vice-chair, Jane.</p> <p>List will be created if none exists.</p> <p>Overall member consensus that we need a selectman to bring town thoughts/needs to committee and vice versa.</p> <p>Differentiation made between "chair of show" and "chair of committee"</p> <p>Sharon M. volunteered to help chair Holiday along with Marissa V.  Sharon M. taking back role of checking emails.</p> <p>Nominations/voting to occur at February 2017 meeting (add to agenda)</p> <p>Discuss/vote upon adding this section to bylaws at February 2017 meeting (add to agenda).</p>

		<p>4. Prescott Park/Chamber of Commerce et al (agenda item 6)</p> <p>How does collaborating with large non-profits that “represent arts” affect how the EAC is viewed within the community? Does working with groups like this go against our mission?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scott R. brought up Prescott Park as an example of how it could reflect badly on EAC if we are working with large non-profits versus the grass roots art groups we normally work with. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Working with a corporate non-profit like PPAF was a potential conflict of interest with our mission/bylaws <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Discussion ensued: not all members agree</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Art is not about making money but rather bringing “art” to the community</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Members decided to evaluate all activity/event more carefully before voting.</p>

**Meeting Adjourned: 800pm**

**Submitted by Karen Noonan and Marissa Vitolo**