

East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission Meeting April 20, 2017 at the Joseph N. Goff House, 6:30 p.m. all members were present.

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes from March 16, 2017 meeting – approved

Public Comments – none

Old Business

250th Anniversary Celebration – Carol suggested we tie in an open house with the town's 250th anniversary celebration in some fashion. There is a cleanup day at the lake and a tree planting as part of the 250th anniversary celebration.

Seamster Park Photo Contest - Deadline extended to August 1. Mindy who will serve as a judge, said she suggested to the photo contest committee that the \$10 fee per submission to the contest be revisited, as it may be cost prohibitive for some. Let's Talk East Hampton on Facebook posted an invitation to post photos and received many responses. She said she thinks there hasn't been enough publicity for the Seamster Park contest.

Art Purchase Award – Commissioner suggestions for locations to hang the next piece of art included the East Hampton Public Library or the community room, the new East Hampton High School or any of the schools, VFW, Senior Center. Commissioners agreed on the High School. Melissa will contact Mr. Fidler to make sure it's acceptable. The East Hampton Art Association Art Show is June 17.

Art Open House – Should we offer open studio for two days? Date needs to be selection. Oct. 28 was selected with the possibility of a second day if artists are interested. Melissa will put out a call to artists.

Student Art Awards – Commissioners reviewed the names of the students that will appear on the awards created by Kevin Gunning and pictures of their artwork. The award ceremony will be held on May 18 at 6 p.m. followed by our regular meeting at the pavilion at the park. Melissa will contact parks and recreation to reserve the pavilion and will also contact the art teachers to remind them to invite the students and parents. Arts & culture will provide refreshments. Emails will be sent to the art teachers and principals and superintendent as well. This year, the commission will obtain email/phone numbers from parents to be sure the artwork is picked up after it is displayed at the town hall.

Grant Selection –

250th Anniversary Grant – commissioners reviewed proposed grant projects which included a Little Free Library at the town's Seamster Park, a garden and garden bench around the sycamore at the East Hampton Library, a play about East Hampton history, a showcase on Wangunk Native American History. After much discussion a majority of the commission voted for the Free Little Library proposal at Seamster Park. After

composing an email to be reviewed by the commission members, Melissa will contact the submitters and let them know whether or not they have been selected and urge those who weren't to apply next year.

Two General Grants – Three proposals were received including a chamber music performance, new costumes for a dance studio that performs an annual holiday ballet to benefit the East Hampton Food Bank and a student run musical. Commissioners agreed to invite the submitters to our next meeting to provide more detail regarding their proposal. Melissa will email them all.

Addition to Agenda– The annual theater chat by Wade Russo, the guest conductor at The Goodspeed. Carol will contact Sheila Tomlinson who has contact with Wade to learn if he is available.

Commissioner's Reports & Events – April 29, History of East Hampton hosted by Chatham Historical Society at 1 p.m. at the library, June 17 Town-wide Tag Sale. Farmers Market, May 27 through the summer at Old Bank from 8 to 11 in the village center. Goff House and Superintendents office to host Top 10 Students ceremony May 5 at the library community room. Collage artist featured at the April 26 meeting of the East Hampton Art Association. Tree planting and lake cleanup on April 22 at Sears Park. Thank the Lake Day on May 21 at Sears Park.

Public Comments – none.

Adjournment – 8 p.m.