

East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission Meeting, September 21, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Joseph N. Goff House – all commissioners present including Ellen Paul the EHACC town liaison

1. Call to Order 6:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 17, 2017 – approved.

3. Public Comments - Robyn Latourneau, a member of the 250th anniversary committee, invited the EHACC to the 250th October festival on Oct. 7 from noon to 5 p.m. with vendors and food and activities. Vendor forms are available from Robyn and at Old Bank.

4. Old Business

a. Open Studio Event – there are potentially 8 studios that will be participating in the event and maybe 7 artists interested in exhibiting their work at Old Bank. Kevin will make a map/brochure to proofread at the next meeting. Open studio signs will be available for distribution to the studio artists and we can distribute the maps to local businesses and make them downloadable on the EHACC web site. Lori Caldwell from Old Bank suggested a maximum of 6 pieces per artist for exhibition at her shop. Artists can pick up signs at Melissa's shop. The Trick or Treat Main Street and Trick or Trunk events will be held on the same day in the village center the evening of Oct. 28. Should we create an announcement for the board by Stop and Shop? Mindy suggested contacting Cheryl Gioelli to create a sign for us. She works with parks and recreation often. Melissa will call parks and rec to get the dimensions.

b. 250th Anniversary Open Air Festival in October in the Village Center on Oct 7 – Mindy will have a booth and suggested we have the EHACC rack cards at her table and the Open Studio Map to hand out if it is ready. A plaque with the EHACC web site address would direct people to the map online too.

c. Art purchase award – Carol has spoken with interim EHHS interim principal Nancy Brier about a reception for the art purchase award at the school, but with the death of Mr. Fidler, the high school ribbon cutting and the start of the school year, she hasn't gotten back to us yet. Carol will check in with her again. Kevin has provided a metallic plaque to accompany the selected "Comstock Bridge" painting by Elizabeth Sennett.

d. Wade Russo's Presentation Recap – The event went very well. Carol will send a thank you note to Wade.

e. Epoch Arts Networking Event – Carol attended the event, and the group discussed coming events options and perhaps buying advertising space. We had a calendar with the library at one time. Ellen Paul from the library has spoken to Beth from Epoch. Ellen said the library's Community Conversations sessions brought out the need for information to be disseminated better, perhaps from one central place and also the need for more positive news to be shared. The Rivereast, Facebook and East Hampton

Happenings are good places to submit events listings for many different groups. Beth is interested in doing a networking event with local arts and culture groups to introduce themselves and share their projects and events. East Hampton does not have a communications director. In New London the town has a weekly what's happening in New London blast.

f. Photo Contest Update – Mindy was asked by the contest organizers to submit a photo. She does not know how many entries they have received. The contest has been going on since March and there is a \$10 fee per entry. Selected entries were to be included in a calendar. Mindy will report again when she hears back.

5. New Business

a. Budget Review – there is nothing new to report. A new budget needs to be put together in November. Kevin submitted payment for our web site domain maintenance which Carol will submit to the town.

b. Wreaths Across America – Ed reported that there is an opportunity to purchase wreaths. Dec. 16 at noon is the event date for when the group passes through East Hampton and there will be a ceremony in Marlborough. East Hampton schools will be participating with essays and other activities. Ann McLaughlin is the contact for the event and the wreaths.

6. Commissioner's Reports & Events – Oct. 15 noon to 4 p.m. the Chatham Historical Society will hold its annual fall festival and are looking for historical vendors; East Hampton Art Association will have Frank Bruckmann on Sept. 22 at the library community room, who will give a presentation on self-portraits; Haddam Neck Cong. Church will have a turkey dinner on Oct. 28 at the Haddam Neck Grange Hall from 5 to 7 p.m. Mindy presented a booklet from the Little Free Library dedication, which was created by the KOKO students as part of the EHACC 250 grant program.

7. Public Comments – none.

8. Adjournment 7:35 p.m.