

East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission - February 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Joseph N. Goff House Museum

Mindy Mills Maynard, Kevin Gunning, Shirley Brooks, Betty Sennett present.

Call to Order

Minutes from January 19<sup>th</sup> meeting approved – minor changes.

No public Comment

Old Business

The Commission welcomed new member Ed Yocher, who grew up in Derby, neighbor of Betty Sennett, a retired shop teacher, avid fisherman, golfer and photographer.

Financial Report – Carol Lane has submitted the EHACC proposed budget to the town finance department for the coming fiscal year and the budget summary. Shirley, Melissa and Mindy said they will attend the budget meeting in March.

250th Anniversary Celebration EHACC Grant – approved by the 250th Commission and the EHACC commissioners that the EHACC will offer a \$250 grant for an arts related project that honors the town's 250<sup>th</sup> celebration. Melissa will put something in the paper to publicize the grant opportunity.

Judging for Seamster Park Photos Contest – Mindy will be a judge for this event which accepted photo submissions through Feb. 15. She has not reviewed any photos yet. She has not heard yet from the parks and recreation department regarding the review of photos.

Grant Updates – The EHACC grant application is usually due on March 1, but the commission agreed that the deadline should be extended to April 1. Melissa will write something for the paper to publicize it. The grants will be \$500 each.

New Business

CT Arts Day 2017 will be held on Thursday, March 2 in Hartford at the Bushnell. 830 a.m. to 4 p.m. Carol Lane is going to attend. Any commissioners interested in attending should contact Carol.

March 15 EHACC Budget Presentation, 6- 8 p.m. at the town hall – Shirley, Melissa, Carol, Mindy will attend.

Ed Yocher suggested the creation of a calendar featuring artwork created by the students as well as photos of drama/music performances or dance performances.

Ed also discussed Wreaths Across America – he said there is some discussion about having the event stop in East Hampton. The event includes a giant truck full of wreaths that starts in Maine

and comes down through New England and makes stops at various location. The event concludes at Arlington Cemetery where a wreath is placed on every grave. Children from different schools make artwork for the event, and perhaps that's where we could participate, provide funding to the school for supplies so the kids can make artwork for the event and there could be student choir representation. Ann McLaughlin is trying to get the event to stop in East Hampton.

Financial Report – already discussed.

Commissioners Reports – The Chatham Historical Society Antique Appraisal Day is March 25, 9 to 1 p.m. at the library; March 18 at 1 p.m. there will be a lecture on the Wangonk Tribe at the Library; April 29, history of Chatham at the library. The town wide tag sale is Father's Day weekend. Haddam Neck Congregational Church quilt show is April 1 and 2 at the church in Haddam Neck. Farmer's Market that was held at the Congregational Church in the Village Center will be held in the Old Bank parking area. The East Hampton Arts Association Meeting on Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. will feature a video on tulips, lilies and stalks by artist Daniel Keyes.

Public Comment - none

Adjourn – 7:30 p.m.