

**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION
THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2019
6:30 P.M.
JOSEPH N. GOFF HOUSE**

Minutes

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of the Agenda (Additions or Corrections)
3. Approval of Minutes from Nov. 29, 2018 meeting - approved.
4. Welcome new member Amy Ordonez an artist and mother and member of the Friends of the East Hampton Library and the East Hampton Library Board
5. Public Comments - none
6. Old Business
 - a. Budget due 1/31 for next fiscal year which begins in July 2019. EHACC has been given a budget of \$2000. Proposed expenses include student awards, \$200; 2 grants of \$300 each and a High School Capstone grant of \$200; Art Purchase Award, \$500 and Web site fees, \$200.
 - b. Ed Yocher visited Landmark Discount Trophy in East Hartford to get prices for trophies. We need 5. We will ask Kevin Gunning for pricing too. Members also discussed the idea of giving the students engraved Bevin Bells and agreed to look into this idea and discuss engraving options with the local Memory Maker in the village center. Budget presentations will be held in March when we present our projects and introduce ourselves. Ed suggested we do a comparative analysis of what other towns give toward art.
 - c. Grants – the commission will offer 2 grants for \$300 and one Capstone grant for high school projects for \$200. Due date to submit grants will be April 1. The application will be put on the EHACC web site and publicized in local newspapers and social media.
 - d. Budget narrative due 2/8 and must be created before our next meeting. Melissa will do that.
 - e. Appointments, size and vacancies – commission agreed to continue with nine commissioners. There is currently one vacancy.
 - f. Community Calendar – artsforeasthamptonct.org has an events calendar, and there is a new community calendar on social media. Library director Ellen Paul met with the creator of that new calendar to discuss working together on a community calendar with the library.
7. New Business
 - a. Jim Monahan, town's village center thoughts. Jim said he has been troubled about the status of the town center and how it was allowed to atrophy. Other towns have themed

based centers like Putnam which had a focus on antiques and he suggested that we have some project or place where art can be displayed year-round. Betty Sennett shared that the East Hampton Art Association has various displays of locally made artwork at different locations in town including the town hall, banks, dental offices. Members discussed local artist Kristen Walsh's idea to have a local art exhibit in the windows of the village center businesses. Amy Ordonez shared that the local Yarners group is planning a yarn bomb installation in the village center. Works of art in yarn will be created and installed in various locations in the center.

- b. Ed Yocher, rotary and banner. Ed spoke to Red McKinney of the EH Rotary Club about the possibility of installing poles for advertising banners on Main Street. He was referred to Matthew Walton who said he didn't think a price tag of \$15,000 to \$20,000 was too much to raise for the project. Ed will continue to investigate. Ed also discussed the idea for an updated logo for EHACC. We have a simple logo but Ed suggested we could elaborate on it.
- 8. Financial Report – no change from last discussion.
 - 9. Commissioner's Reports – Chatham Historical Society has a presentation on Feb 9 on Women Working during WW2 and on Feb. 23, a remembrance of Dr. Soroff, a local doctor. Registration is required. CHS Antique Appraisal Day is March 30 at the Library. On April 6 and 7, the Haddam Neck Congregational Church will host a quilt show. Friends of the Library book sale is January 25 and 26. Donations welcome. The library is going live with a new web site on the end of January. It is linked to the town web site but it is its own entity. Local artist Kate Avery of Heir and Space will be a guest speaker at the Connecticut Antiques Show in the spring at the Hartford Armory. Epoch Arts has an opioid response event next weekend and many art related events coming up.
 - 10. Public Comments none.
 - 11. Adjournment