

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON  
ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2020  
JOSEPH N GOFF HOUSE

MINUTES

Commissioners present; Shirley Brooks, Elizabeth Sennett, Melissa Pionzio, Ed Yocher, Phyllis Martin, Mel Carnahan, Ellen Paul, Liaison.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Adoption of the Agenda - A motion was made and accepted to adopt the agenda.
3. Approval of Minutes - A motion was made and accepted to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2019 meeting.
4. Public Remarks - None
5. Propose and Vote on Budget for 2020-2021 Fiscal Year - Ellen reported that the budget request is due by January 22. A narrative of our Commission's intent for the budget request is due to either Ellen Paul, Liaison, or Jeff Jylkka, Finance Director, by February 8. A discussion was held on our budget request for the next fiscal year. A motion was made to ask for \$2500 for next year. The motion was seconded and agreed upon by all Commission members.
6. Capstone and EHACC Grants - There have been no responses to date to our Promotions for the Capstone Grants. There have been notices in the newspaper, online on our Facebook page, as well as notices to the Superintendent and teachers. It was suggested that, because of backlog and timing constraints, the Capstone grants should be offered to students in Junior year. This would allow grants to be awarded when students arrive in September, easing time constraints for seniors in a busy year.

Melissa will put notices about our other grants in the newspapers and online.

Commissioners discussed ideas for new grants or projects, including:

1. A special program/event honoring Red McKinney
2. Partner with the library to provide Museum Trips to various Connecticut Museums (Florence Griswold, New Britain Museum of American Art, The Science Center, Lutz Children's, etc.
3. A grant for disabled/challenged people

It was suggested the ideas for the Museum trips and the tribute to McKinney be added to the budget narrative.

7. EHAAC Commission Members & Alternates - Several commissioners attended the recent Town Council meeting at which the Commission's request for an ordinance change to Our membership requirements was presented. The request will be put on the Council's Agenda.

8. New Business -

1. Wade Russo - Discuss if this will continue
2. Bill Devine - Plan for honoring him for his contribution and help

9. Commissioner's Reports -

Historical Society - Jan 25 - Talk on Cuba at 1:00 in Community Room

EHAA. - DVD on "Painting the Modern Garden, from Monet to Matisse, Wed, Jan 22.

Library - Survey being done by the Library. The survey is a paper survey available at the Library and is looking for the public's comments on the Library's programs and functioning.

10. A motion to adjourn was made and accepted at 7:30.