

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON  
ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2020  
ZOOM

MINUTES

Carol Lane, Elizabeth Sennett, Phyllis Martin, Mel Carnahan and Melissa Pionzio in attendance.

Minutes from the August 20, 2020 EHACC meeting were reviewed and approved.

Town Hall Celebration - Betty will attend the town hall grand opening celebration on Sunday, October 18 at 2 p.m. She has asked the town manager's office to hang the town hall art gallery sign and will also see to having some paintings hung there as well. Melissa will ask Ed and Shirley if they are interested in attending, as none of the other commissioners except Betty are available Sunday.

Budget - EHACC Budget for 2020-2021 is \$2500 and because of COVID many of the events we support as a commission are on hold.

Grants - There has been no response yet from high schoolers or the superintendent regarding the EHACC Capstone Grant. The schools are still trying to get used to the new format, so it is not surprising that there has been no responses yet. Melissa will check with the superintendent and resubmit information on the grant to the newspapers.

Last year's Capstone Grant recipient Jason Gardiner, an Eagle Scout, has installed his informational signs on the Airline Trail. His mother will submit a photo to the Rivereast and mentions EHACC as a supporter of his project. Melissa posted about it on EHACC Facebook page and on the EHACC web site [www.artsforeasthamptonct.org](http://www.artsforeasthamptonct.org)

Commissioners agreed to send out information on our regular grant in November to give people more time to think about it and apply. Commissioners voted to offer 2/\$500 grants to the community this year.

Commissioners agreed to discuss the idea for an online Covid Creative Exhibit which would highlight creative accomplishments by members of the community during Covid quarantining. Melissa will also contact Mrs. Luppacino the high school art teacher, after Christmas to learn if there are any art related exhibits or activities planned that we might be involved with.

New Business - since so many things are on hold, including the East Hampton Art Association Art Show, the EHACC will also wait to see if there will be an art purchase award opportunity.

Phyllis Martin is moving to West Hartford in November and will not be able to serve on the EHACC. She thanks the commission for her time serving and said she would submit her intention to step down to the town manager's office. Melissa will check with Shirley to learn if the recent guest to the August meeting wants to join us. We will miss Phyllis very much!

Meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.