

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, May 20, 2021, 6:30pm
Joseph N. Goff House, 2 Barton Hill Road, East Hampton, CT

MINUTES

The East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission met on May 20, 2021 at 6:30pm at the Joseph N. Goff House. Attendees were: Shirley Brooks, Mel Carnahan, Carol Lane, Ellen Paul, Melissa Pionzio, Betty Sennett, and Rebecca Tinelle. Absent: Ed Yocher. Minutes by Rebecca Tinelle

Motion to approve last month's meeting minutes dated 4/15/2021 and seconded.

No public remarks.

Discussion of Renewal of Poet Laureate for East Hampton:

- We reviewed Poet Laureate applications & guidelines samples from: Glastonbury, Milford, New London, Ridgefield, Wallingford
- Melissa talked to Glastonbury and they had their first Poet Laureate in 2015. They are now on their third Poet Laureate. Applications go through the library. The Glastonbury Poet Laureate has a 3 year term, minimum age of 18 & is required to appear at 3 public events. We can copy their Poet Laureate Overview sheet. They said they only had a few applicants. The EHACC likes the Glastonbury overview layout the best out of all the other town samples.
- Poet Laureate possible requirements: must live in town & be 18 or over, cover letter, resume, several poem samples, term of 2 or 3 years, create a project for the town, make several public appearances (Old Home Days, Gazebo Music, Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, Yellow Ribbon Ceremony, Jingle Bell Parade)
- Promoting the Poet Laureate: Work with *The Rivereast* to advertise East Hampton applications for Poet Laureate. Invite other to write poetry. Get students involved.
- Town Council to make a Poet Laureate Proclamation. Town to provide a Poet Laureate Certificate. Get permission to publish/use poet's work.
- Timeline: Receive Poet Laureate applications in the fall, so EHACC can review and then the Poet Laureate would start Jan. 1, 2022. Carol Lane moved that we have a draft of the Poet Laureate application ready in Sept. and Shirley Brooks seconded. EHACC members will be working on a rough draft of the Poet Laureate application for the next meeting.

Budget: There is \$100 left in the account. We believe we need it to pay the website bill.

Commissioner Event Share:

- Town Tag Sale June 19th
- Gazebo Music starts June 24th
- Village Center Stroll June 26th
- Community Room in Library partially open on July 1st
- Library & Dexter's Short Story Discussions on important social issues on the last Wed. of June, July & August at 7pm: Immigration, The Black Experience and Technology & Privacy
- Art changes monthly in the Town Hall

Motion to adjourn at 7:35pm and seconded.