

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON  
ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
Thursday, June 17, 2021, 6:30pm  
Joseph N. Goff House, 2 Barton Hill Road, East Hampton, CT

MINUTES

The East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission met on June 17, 2021 at 6:30pm at the Joseph N. Goff House. Attendees were: Shirley Brooks, Carol Lane, Mindy Maynard, Melissa Pionzio, Betty Sennett, and Rebecca Tinelle. Absent: Mel Carnahan, Ellen Paul, Ed Yocher. Minutes by Rebecca Tinelle

1. Call to order at 6:35pm.
2. Motion to adopt the Agenda & motion seconded.
3. Melissa made a motion to approve last month's meeting minutes dated 5/20/2021 and Carol seconded.
4. No public remarks.
5. Mel Carnahan resigned from the Commission
6. We welcomed back Mindy Maynard to the Commission.
7. Review of Poet Laureate: The Commission briefed Mindy on the potential Poet Laureate.
  - Poet Laureate requirements for the application: must be an East Hampton resident, minimum age of 18, provide cover letter, resume, several poem samples, must present to Commission. Applications for Poet Laureate at the Library, Town Hall & Dexters.
  - Poet Laureate must appear at 1-3 town events.
  - Use this phrase from Glastonbury's application: The town reserves the right to revoke the tenure of the Poet Laureate if he/she fails to fulfill his/her duties or if involved in criminal or unethical activities.
  - Possibly have a junior Poet Laureate in the future.
  - Make announcement that the town is looking for a Poet Laureate in *The RiverEast*, on Facebook, etc.
  - EHACC members will be working on a rough draft of the Poet Laureate application for the next meeting.
8. Budget: Over budget \$199.30 due to the website fee being paid on Melissa Pionzio personal credit card (that she does not use any more) on autopay, website fee increase & for not being reimbursed for 2 years. The website fee will now be paid from the town Library credit card, so no reimbursements will be required. The Commission decided to cancel the online student art award this year. We will reinstate it next budget year.
9. Recognition of Shirley Brooks, an original Commission member, who has retired to Hebron after 40 years. We had dessert & cider after we adjourned the meeting. Thank you Shirley!
10. Commissioner Event Share:
  - Coast Guard Band to play at Middle school on June 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Gazebo Music starts June 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Village Center Stroll June 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Community Room in Library partially open on July 1<sup>st</sup>
  - 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
11. Motion to adjourn at 7:10pm and seconded.