

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, September 16, 2021, 6:30pm
Joseph N. Goff House, 2 Barton Hill Road, East Hampton, CT

MINUTES

The East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission met on September 16, 2021 at 6:30pm at the Joseph N. Goff House. Attendees were: Carol Lane, Melissa Pionzio, Betty Sennett, and Rebecca Tinelle. Absent: Mindy Maynard, Ellen Paul, Ed Yocher. Minutes by Rebecca Tinelle

1. Call to order at 6:33pm.
2. Betty made a motion to adopt the Agenda and the motion seconded by Rebecca.
3. Betty made a motion to approve last month's Meeting Minutes dated 8/19/2021 and the motion seconded by Melissa.
4. No public remarks.
5. Presentation of Brownfields Redevelopment Agency by Brian Corvo:
 - ❖ Brian is from Middletown, lived in Boston and moved back to CT to live in East Hampton in 2015. He has been the chairman of the Brownfields board for about a-year-and-a-half.
 - ❖ Brownfield wants to work with other agencies/committees in town to help figure out what to do with the Brownfield properties in town, especially in Old Town Village, our "Hidden Gem". We suggested Brian get in touch with the Village Merchant Group.
 - ❖ There are several Brownfield mediation grants being closed out, in progress and upcoming applications.
 - ❖ RFPs went out for **13 Summit & 1 Watrous** properties. The Summit St. building is in bad shape and unsafe and will likely have to be torn down.
 - ❖ We have to be creative in building & property reuse in Brownfield locations in Old Village Center. There are only 2 wells serving the area, so the new use must not need a lot of water. This makes it very difficult for a restaurant to use a remediated Brownfield location.
 - ❖ Parking lots, like 103 Main St. are the easiest & least expensive reuse for Brownfield properties.
 - ❖ Old Village Center is the only place to stop to eat on the Airline Trail.
 - ❖ Ideas discussed for **3 Walnut St.** reuse or other Brownfield locations: music, food trucks, flex space with benches & picnic tables, farmers market, dog park, skateboard park, volleyball, basketball, horseshoes, dance floor, outdoor movies.
 - ❖ 13 Watrous has been stabilized, but more remediation is needed. The RFPs are coming is soon.
6. Poet Laureate: Betty made a motion to approve the final Poet Laureate Application and the motion was seconded by Carol. See attached.
7. Budget Review: Betty made a motion to approve the two invoices for the website (\$165.90 & \$26.42) and the motion was seconded by Carol. We plan to pay out \$500 each for two grants and \$250 each for two Capstone projects, totaling \$1500. This leaves approx. \$600 to buy art & 5 bells.
8. New Business: Possibly do a Reception in the Spring.
9. Commissioner Event Share:
 - ❖ The Goodspeed Opera House reopened on Sept 24th
 - ❖ Harvest Moon Village Stroll, Main St., 5-9pm, Saturday, Oct. 2nd
 - ❖ Epoch Arts Teen Halloween Costume Dance 7-9pm, Friday, Oct. 15th
 - ❖ Trick or Treat Main Street, 4-7pm, Thursday, Oct. 28th
10. Motion to adjourn at 7:45pm and seconded.