

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, March 17, 2022, 6:30pm
Joseph N. Goff House, 2 Barton Hill Road, East Hampton, CT

MINUTES

The East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission met on March 17, 2022 at 6:30pm at the Joseph N. Goff House. Attendees were: Mindy Maynard, Melissa Pionzio, Betty Sennett, and Rebecca Tinelle. Absent: Carol Lane & Ed Yocher. Minutes by Rebecca Tinelle

1. Call to order at 6:35pm.
2. Motion to adopt Agenda & seconded.
3. Motion to approve last month's Meeting Minutes dated 2-17-2022 by Melissa & seconded by Rebecca.
4. No public remarks.
5. Old Business:
 - a. Review Grant Proposals: Aidan Maiorino applied for a grant for Story Walk, 16 signs with 16 pages of a story. We have questions. How old is Aidan? What is the story age group? Will he make the signs? Who maintains the signs? We can ask these questions when the grant applicants come in to present their proposals in April.
 - b. Discuss Garden Tour/Plein Air Painting Event: Middle Haddam Garden club did not respond to us. There is a Belltown Garden Club meeting on March 28th at 6:30pm at the Library Community Room where we can discuss this event. Mindy will ask Sheila Mullen if she would be interested in sharing her wildflower garden. Mindy will also ask the Belltown Garden Club if we should do the event together or if it will be just us at EHACC. There are a few public garden location options we discussed that would be appropriate for this event: Epoch Arts, Food Bank Community Garden, Cranberry Bog, We talked about accepting non-perishable food donations for the Food Bank at this event.
 - c. Discuss Painted Bells: The Rotary Club ran the Bell event. There are 14 bells that have not been painted or placed in town. Where did the Black Walnut Bell go? Melissa will ask. Our goal is to do show a bell online (website & Facebook) each week with a blurb on the artist & their design concept on the bell. We will then have a walking tour of all the bell locations. The bells were originally supposed to be auctioned off. We will call Marty at the Historic Society or The Rotary Club to see if that is correct.
 - d. Budget Review: The Town Budget meeting is Wednesday, March 23rd. Melissa will be reading what EHACC did the past year & what we plan to do this year. Our budget plan: two \$500 Grants, two \$250 Capstone grants (high school students), approx. \$200 for website fees, and \$300-400 on a new town painting. This totals approx. \$2,100, what we have left in our budget. However, we received no Capstone applications, so we have \$500 to apply to something else. We voted yes on doing a full-page ad for \$50 in the Grease Playbill for Belltown Drama Club.
6. New Business:
 - Possibly have a tour of the town art purchases & take photos. Town art located at: Middle Haddam Library, Youth & Family Services, High School, Center School & Senior Center. Possibly locate new town art purchase in public area of the Police Department.
 - Stan Lindh, our Poet Laureate, sent Rebecca a DM via Facebook & she copied the rest of the commission on it. He talked to Linda at the Middle Haddam Library regarding a possible poetry event. Stan also will be reaching out to the East Hampton Library to do the same. April is Poetry Month. We would like Stan to do a poetry reading at the Gazebo Music Series & at Old Home Days.
7. Commission Event Share: March 23rd, 7pm at Library: Art Assoc. event with Ralph Phil, photographer.
May 7&8th, Quilt Show & Plant Sale at Haddam Neck Congregational Church.
8. Motion to adjourn at 7:43pm & seconded.