

**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION
THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2019
6:30 P.M.
JOSEPH N. GOFF HOUSE**

Minutes

Carol Lane, Shirley Brooks, Betty Sennett, Ed Yocher, Jim Monahan, Mel Carnahan, Amy Ordonez, Melissa Pionzio and town liaison Ellen Paul present. Regrets, Phyllis Martin.

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of the Agenda – approved
3. Approval of Minutes a. February 21, 2019 – approved
4. Public Comments – none
5. Old Business
 - A. Budget Presentation March 27th, 6:30 p.m., Middle School Library - Melissa, Carol, Amy, Shirley, Ellen will be there to give an overview of our mission statement and proposed budget items.
 - B. Student Art Trophies – In addition to a certificate, a Bevin Bell will be presented to the students as a memento for being selected. Members selected a 9” bell which will be engraved by Bill Devine at Devine Jewelers.
 - C. March 26 is the all district student art show from 5 to 7 p.m. at the high school, Betty, Carol and Jim and maybe Amy will serve as judges. Come early at 4:30 p.m. to see the art beforehand and then select pieces from each school and take photos of the art and record names of students who made the art.
 - D. Community Calendar – Ellen Paul. The library is not planning on moving forward with a community calendar until the next fiscal year.
 - E. Sculpture Mile – Jim Monahan has had discussions with the president of Hollycroft which oversees the Sculpture Mile initiative. The president said he could come to town with a sculptor to look at potential sites. Jim met with the town manager who said the town's insurance would cover the sculpture project. If this project is adopted by the town, sites would need to be selected. Indoor and outdoor sites are possible. Essex, New London, Stonington are current participants. Jim said he believes this could be a draw to the town and can be used as an educational and artistic tool including lectures with the sculptors. There is no cost to East Hampton other than the insurance. Jim would ask Hollycrof for media coverage. Commission members suggested that the work of an East Hampton sculptor be included in the exhibit. Jim's motion to explore the Sculpture Mile idea, with more information provided by Hollycroft and moving it onto the town council for possible approval was approved by EHACC. Hollycroft will be invited to our next meeting in April. The brochures and Hollycroft web site can provide more information.

- F. Banner Report – Ed Yocher no update yet but the Rotary is willing to take the banner project on.
- G. Wade Russo – this year's shows at the Goodspeed Opera House will be Music Man and then Winn Dixie and Billy Elliot. Wade will be the music director for Music Man, so his lecture at the East Hampton Library will be earlier this year in April or May. EHACC members suggested the program be kept to one hour. Ellen said the library will help promote. Motion to support the lecture approved.
- H. Review grants – commissioners reviewed submitted capstone grants. EHACC will hold a special meeting for Capstone proposals on April 4 and then invite the \$300 grant proposers come to our regular April meeting.

6. New Business – none

7. Financial Report – same as we were. Grants, student art, art purchase to pay for in the coming months.

8. Commissioner's Reports – CHS antique appraisal day on March 30 and center of town walk on April 28; East Hampton Art Association, March 27, watercolorist from Massachusetts and an oil painter Jim Laurino from Newtown April 24; EHACC member Amy Ordonez is opening her new paint studio this weekend in the village center next to Old Bank Flowers and the bike shop; Epoch Arts has spring classes, adult paint night and the Breaking Silences play; April 6 and 7, quilt show at Haddam Neck Congregational Church – quilts needed.

9. Public Comments – none

10. Adjournment - 8 p.m.