

Minutes from the (EHACC) East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission December 21, 2023 meeting held at 6:30 p.m. at the Joseph N. Goff House Museum. Betty Sennett, Mindy Maynard and Melissa Pionzio present.

Call to Order

Motion to approve agenda made by Mindy Maynard and seconded by Betty Sennett. Unanimously approved.

Minutes from EHACC OCTOBER 19, 2023 meeting unanimously approved.

No public comment

Old Business - The Commissioners reviewed and discussed two received Capstone Grant proposals and one Community Grant proposal. There may be more proposals coming as the deadline for the Capstone Grant is Feb. 1, 2024 and April 1, 2024 for the Community Grant. Individuals who submitted the grant proposals will be invited to attend a future meeting to present further information and answer the commissioner's questions.

EHACC Web Site – There have been questions about the efficiency and usability of the web site. Mindy suggested we offer a QR code for people to use when applying for grants. Melissa suggested we shut the web site down and use the Town of East Hampton web site to post our grant applications and future commission information – a suggested offered by Cathy Sirois from the Town Manager's office. The Rivereast and East Hampton social media sites would continue to be utilized to promote EHACC events. This would save the commission money – about \$240 a year, and remove the burden of maintaining the site. Motion to shut down the Wix based EHACC web site www.artsforeasthamptonct.org offered by Mindy and seconded by Betty. Motion unanimously approved. Melissa will save the photos from the site and ask the town's IT person to help shut it down properly.

New Business – EHACC meeting dates for 2024 unanimously approved.

Budget Review – To date the commission has spent \$250 on the annual art purchase award initiative and \$239 on the maintenance of the EHACC web site. 2024 EHACC expenses include two \$500 community grants and two \$200 Capstone grants, Student Art award bells and certificates and signs for the EHACC garden tour.

Other Business –EHACC received a thank you note from the Joseph N. Goff House Museum board for the \$500 grant they received from the EHACC.

Commissioners unanimously agreed to donate the 2023 Art Purchase Award painting "The Passage" by East Hampton artist Geralyn Yocher to Memorial School. Melissa will email the superintendent and Memorial's principal regarding the gift.

Signage for the EHACC garden tour -. Mindy suggested we create a sign that looks like a painter's palette which would include the tour information and could be decorated with flowers. We could use old EHACC signage and glue the palette shape over top or have new signs created. The signs will be placed roadside/outdoors, so the glue and decorations would need to be weatherproof

There are 8 possible garden sites for the 2024 tour. More discussion will be held at the EHACC February meeting.

Member Share – Carol sing at Second Congregational Church of Middle Haddam on Dec. 22 at 7 p.m. with the New England Chamber Choir.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM