

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, March 21, 2024, 6:30pm
Joseph N. Goff House, 2 Barton Hill Road, East Hampton, CT

MEETING MINUTES

The East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission met on March 21, 2024 at 6:30pm at the Joseph N. Goff House. Attendees were: Mindy Maynard, Catherine Mojo, Melissa Pionzio, Betty Sennett, Rebecca Tinelle, Christine Cachuela, Library Director. Absent: Carol Lane. Minutes by Rebecca Tinelle.

1. Call to Order at 6:30pm.
2. Agenda: The Agenda was approved.
3. Meeting Minutes: Melissa said a correction should be made to the February 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Item #7: The cost of the art plaque was \$30, not \$60. Rebecca made a motion to approve the revised Meeting Minutes from February 15, 2024 and Betty seconded. Meeting Minutes approved.
4. No public remarks.
5. Old Business:
 - a. Capstone & Grant Presentations:
 - \$200 Capstone Grant Presentation, Anthony Miro: Anthony started the Pickleball Club last September and there are 30 members now. It is a well established club that brings students together. Anthony would like not just play Pickleball, but have a tournament too. They have no equipment and nowhere to store it. The equipment cannot be stored at school, so Anthony will keep it in his car and at home. The grant money would be used to purchase paddles, balls, net, bag, etc.
 - \$200 Capstone Grant Presentation, Holly Pugo: Holly plans to have a week long food collection event at school where homerooms will have a friendly competition to see which homeroom can collect the most food donations for the East Hampton Food Bank. First, second and third place will be announced over the school loud speaker. The winning homeroom will get lunch. Holly will provide boxes for food collection. The grant money will be used to buy lunch for the first place homeroom. Any leftover money will be donated to the East Hampton Food Bank.
 - \$500 Community Grant Presentation, Connie Cowles: Connie is asking for grant money for The Goff House Summer Music Series. There will be 6 concerts with more diversity in music, for example, Goza, a Latin Jazz Band. It is difficult to get bands to play for less than \$1000. Connie would also like to support music programs in the schools. The basket gets passed around at concerts and donated to the Food Bank or EMS.

We now have 3 Community Grant applications. Connie Cowles for The Goff House Summer Music Series. Stacy Gibson at Smart Start requested grant for money for a \$144 bus trip to the EH Library to get the kids their first library card. The idea is to encourage kids to read 1000 books before kindergarten. In addition, Stacy would spend \$300 for a bus to go to the dinosaur museum. Mindy Maynard requested grant money to complete her garden flower book *When Magic Happens*. Mindy will donate 1 or 2 of her books to the EH Library. We discussed if making money off this book would be an issue for receiving grant money. We will decide on the recipients of the grant money at our next meeting.

- b. All District Art Show 3/26-3/28: Opening reception is on 3/26/2024 from 5-6:30pm at the high school. We plan to meet there to view the student art.
- c. Discussion of 2024 Garden Tour: Possible Garden Tour dates: June 29 or 30 and September 7 or 8. The garden host information reception will be held on May 23 at The Goff House, Dexter's, or Wild Craft.

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Lost Spring Farm and garden hosts on Daly Road may be added to the host list. We do not want to have the Garden Tour on the same day as Old Home Days (July 11-13) or the weekend of the Town tag Sale.

6. New Business:
 - We William Faber, at student at the Middle Haddam School, would be a great arts liaison, as he is out going and does school announcements. He could promote Capstone grants on school TVs.
 - Chatham Historic Society is doing a History of the Lake sign. The sign idea came from the Rotary Club. It will be sponsored by Paul's & Sandy's. Historian and author, Marty Podskoch, is looking for ideas, text and photos for the sign. Cheryl Gioielli, graphic designer, will help design the sign.
7. Budget Review: No change.
8. Other Business: None.
9. Commission Member Event Share:
 - Shauna Shane, oil painter, will be doing a floral painting demonstration at the Senior Center Community Room on March 27 at 7pm.
 - Haddam Neck Congregational Church Quilt Show on April 13 & 14.
 - Lions Club, Choose Kindness Project on April 15-19. Library & Senior Center activities, speakers, lake clean up, etc.
 - EH Village Spring Back Stroll on April 27, 11am to 5pm.
10. Adjournment: Adjourned at 7:34pm.