

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2019
JOSEPH N. GOFF HOUSE
MINUTES

Commissioners Shirley Brooks, Betty Sennett, Mel Carnahan, Melissa Pionzio and Ed Yocher present. Absent - Phyllis Martin, Carol Lane, Liaison Ellen Paul

1. Call to Order 6:30pm
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes from July 18, 2019 - approved
4. Public Remarks - none
5. Facebook Publicity – proposed by former commission member Amy Ordonez to promote various events on Facebook that are offered by groups in town. Members were not all clear on what this initiative meant but agreed that events offered by the commission are the posts that should receive extra paid publicity. Members agreed to review extra paid publicity event by event as needed.
6. Art Purchase Award Presentation to Center School & East Hampton Senior Center. Shirley spoke with director Joanne Ewing at the senior center, but no date has been set yet. Shirley will talk to Joanne again and Melissa will call the principal at Center School to set up a date.
7. Financial Report – commissioners reviewed budget amounts and EHACC initiatives. Future expenses include 2/\$500 grants; 1/\$200 Capstone Grant, \$100 for student art awards, \$500 for the Art Purchase Award. Members discussed placement of an advertisement in a playbook such as Podium’s upcoming Matilda performance. Members voted and agreed to support Podium through an ad in their program for \$25 to \$50, and include information about us as a group and what we do, our email and web site address. Melissa will contact Podium.

Members also agreed it would be a good idea to meet the new town manager, to introduce ourselves and discuss the art space at the new town hall. Melissa will call to set up something.

Mel will check out the quarterly East Hampton Events Magazine to learn if we have representation in it.

An announcement about our \$200 Capstone Grant should go out to the high school very soon, since the students are planning their projects. Melissa will write up something for commissioner’s review.

Epoch Arts sent a letter to EHACC thanking the commission for the \$600 donation to be used to create digital 3-D characters, exploring rainbow color and art from around the world, having fun with food art, weaving, felting, batiking, acting Alice and Improv.

Memorial School Teacher Stacey Gibson sent the commission photos of her preschool students who attended the Faerie Village program at the Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme. The commission had given Gibson a grant to help pay for transportation to the Museum. If we have permission, we will use some of the pictures on our web site www.artsforeasthamptonct.org and

our Facebook page and also send one to the Rivereast with a write up. Melissa will set this up when she hears back from Gibson and report.

8. Future of EHACC and Membership – members suggested we make the required number of commission members lower so that our required quorum would be lower or tie in with another commission. Melissa will ask Cathy Sirois. We currently have 7 members and 2 vacancies.
9. Selection of Officers – tabled until November.
10. Commissioner's Reports – Chatham Historical Society has an airline trail walk on Nov. 3 at 1 p.m. in Cobalt. Go up Depot Hill Road and meet at the parking lot, 860-267-2442 to reserve. Haddam Neck Congregational Church Turkey Dinner will be held on Oct. 26 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Haddam Neck Grange Hall. Robert Noriega a watercolorist will be the guest speaker at the East Hampton Art Association meeting, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. at the library community room.
11. Adjournment – 7:18 p.m.