The East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission met on August 18, 2022 at 6:30pm at the Joseph N. Goff House. Attendees were: Carol Lane, Mindy Maynard, Melissa Pionzio, Betty Sennett, Rebecca Tinelle and Tim Kellogg, Library Director. Absent: Ed Yocher. Minutes by Rebecca Tinelle.

1. Call to order at 6:30pm.

2. Agenda Approved.


4. No public remarks.

5. Recap of July 9th Garden Tour / Plein Air Event:
   a. Painters invited to paint at Haddam Neck Fair.
   b. Melissa sent thank you notes to all the garden hosts.
   c. Melissa & Rebecca attended the Town Council meeting where Alison (Council member & garden host) thanked us.
   d. The event was well attended. We are already being asked if we will do it again next year.
   e. Maybe Rick’s Sugar Shack could be a garden host next year. Other possibilities: George at the historic house on the lake or Tammy in Middle Haddam.
   f. Possibly have a reception for the painters & the garden hosts. We would like to see the paintings. Betty has not finished hers yet. She will finish her Cranberry Bog painting when her husband is out of town!
   g. Possibly display finished painting in the Library or Town Hall.

6. Student Art Removal: Board of Ed called students to pick up art. Melissa will make follow up calls.

7. Poet Laureate, Stan Lindh: Stan recited some of his poetry at the intermission of the second-to-last Gazebo Music Concert on July 28th. We could ask stan to read more poetry at the Library after November or at a Village business event or the tree lighting ceremony.

8. Budget: Student art & grants in Spring. Get the word out early for students to apply for Capstone grants. Possibly: have an Art Show with EH Art Assoc.; bring back Goodspeed musicals sing-a-ongs at the Library; advertise in show programs; do some kind of painted bell tour. Website fee went up again & is due at the end of August. Rough idea on how we will spend our budget, approx. $2,060:
   $500 (2 x $250) for grants
   $400 (2 x $200) for Capstone
   $260 for website

9. Other Business:
   a. Possibly have a reception for the painters & the garden hosts at Dexter’s, Goff House, Middle Haddam Library, Community Room at Library, Hope Church.
   b. Possibly have a Self Guided Bell Tour or scavenger hunt in association with the Historic Society. Give out clues so people can find the painted bells.

10. Commission Member Event Share:
    Haddam Neck Fair: Sept. 2-5, Friday thru Monday.
    Epoch Arts Tag Sale: Sept. 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25 & 26; Friday thru Sunday on 2 weekends.
    EH Art Association Meeting: Sept. 21, 7pm at Library

11. Adjournment at 7:30pm.