

**East Windsor Arts and Culture  
Special Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2024  
6:00 PM  
East Windsor Town Hall**

**\*These minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting\***

**I. Call to Order/Attendance**

At 6:00 p.m. Debbie Williams called the meeting to order. The commission members present were Sharon Aprea, Bernie Duffy, Christina Posniak, Karen Stavolone, and Debbie Williams; also including commission liaison, Sarah Muska.

Debbie reported that Kristin Blume is now an official member of our committee; she was sworn in since our last meeting. Aanum Kahn who is a sophomore at the high school is interested in joining but committee members need to be 18 years or older. Debbie invited Aanum to attend as a community participant. Courtney Kataja is also a possible new member.

**II. Approval of minutes of 12/12/23 meeting**

Debbie inquired if we had a chance to review the minutes from the December 12 meeting. Bernie made a motion to approve the December minutes and Sharon seconded this motion concluding that all were in favor.

**III. Added agenda items?**

**IV. Committee to Commission status/grants update**

When last we met, we discussed as a group whether to stay as a committee or petition to be a commission. The group agreed we should seek to be a commission. Sarah Muska reported she would be checking in at a Board of Selectman's meeting about this month. We were awarded the GTCF grant. The grant will include funding for two ADA approved picnic tables and Adirondack chairs. Debbie recently confirmed that they actually gave us the full \$5,100 but we needed to front some of the money before they distributed the funds.

**V. On-going/recently completed projects update.**

**a. Photography contest photos update**

Debbie completed getting the photos and brought in the remainder at the meeting.

**b. Owl at Scantic River State Park trailhead**

Owl is up at the trailhead and Debbie spoke at the New Year's Day hike explaining to attendees how the owl came about, the contest and how the name was picked.

**VI. New Projects**

**a. Birdhouses from Home Depot**

Debbie passed out a draft flier; we agreed we did not need to require that the artist made the birdhouse weather resistant. We discussed how to indicate on the flier that the designs and artwork needs to be family friendly.

**b. Performance artist event (open mic) at Trolley Museum**

Debbie passed out a draft flier; we talked about having a donation jar, but we agreed not to have this. Debbie will contact the town about a microphone and speaker. Bernie made a motion to move forward with this open mic night and Sharon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**c. Arts and Culture Day 2024 5.18.23**

**d. East Windsor is having "tractor days" in May. We could have it so that the tractors could.**

**e.**

**i. Budget**

**ii. Cookie class- recycling theme, price, number**

The Cookie lady is very willing to do this; she is open to a recycling theme if that is what we choose. She would do them as attendees came to the booth to pick them up, this would be an on-going activity. She will create the decoration by printing out edible paper designs. She can do this any shape that she has a cookie shape. She may have ideas and Debbie will ask her what our options are.

**iii. Khamp-Paint splatter room?**

Debbie will try and track him down on his participation.

**iv. Bottle cap project?**

Karen asked what the project theme is going to be. We will need to decide on that.

**v. Picnic table/Julie Bergeron**

She asked about the stipend and Debbie stated \$500.

**vi. Food?**

Debbie contacted several different food trucks; there are some food trucks that do not charge a deposit; there was a Dominican food

truck and they do not require a limited. We discussed if we wanted to have a dessert food truck.

- vii. Sculpture walk (approved)**
- viii. Signs**
- ix. Music**

We discussed demonstrations. We could elicit participation from the local pottery place as they may be interested in promoting their place. Karen said they are interested in attending our meeting. They are a spin off the Co-op in Granby. We are looking for vendors and demonstrations. There is a woodburning artist who is interested and does earrings, etc. Sharon is thinking about creating paint skins and making homemade jewelry; Sharon showed us the technique is considering. Sharon will investigate what the supplies could cost. Sharon did forty of the trivets last year. Karen suggested that Christina investigate possible bookmaking demonstrations.

## **VII. Communication**

- a. Home Depot**
- b. Jason Bowsza/Town offices**
- c. Gina Alimberti**

## **VIII. Public Participation**

## **IX. Adjourn**

Debbie adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christina Posniak, *East Windsor Arts and Culture Committee Recording Secretary*