

East Windsor Arts and Culture  
Meeting Minutes 4/12/22  
6:30 PM  
Town Hall 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook

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

Members in attendance: Debbie Williams, Russell Williams, Jim Richards, Bernie Duffy, Al Ziegler

Additional Individuals present: Sarah A. Muska (Selectman – Commission Advisor)

I. Call to Order/Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Debbie Williams

II. On-going/Old Business:

- a. Solar/Dino/Farm festival- Still a work in progress. There was talk to make this event more like a community day of old. We also revisited the idea of having a sponsor- specifically, businesses in town sponsoring parts of the festival, rather than one large sponsor for the whole event.
- b. Artists bank update- this list has not been updated since the last meeting.
- c. c. Logo contest- We received one more entry since the last meeting, from a semi-recent graduate of EWHS. The members present looked at the submissions. We decided to wait until we receive more submissions and/or all members are present before we choose a logo. We also discussed capping the contest after 6 months.
- d. Underpass Murals- the Board Of Selectmen signed off on allowing a mural on the 91 underpass on Main Street. Now the DoT needs to approve the encroachment permit for the site.
- e. 4 bunnies/selfie door for Parks & Rec/donation- Four wooden bunnies were bought for \$25 each. They were decorated and displayed at the East Bunny Breakfast. Debbie suggested that we donate half of the money (\$50) back to Parks and Rec for Camp scholarships. A vote was taken: Bernie made a motion, Russell seconded it was unanimously approved.
- f. Art displays/vendors at Summer Concert Series (6/16-8/25)- A+C will be limited to 5 vendors each week and they will have to set up near the playground so as not to take away from the concerts themselves. Bernie Duffy is interested in being one of the vendors. We reaffirmed that we will have visual artists only and charge \$30 per vendor.

III. New Business:

- a. Collaboration with AHRC- the AHRC unanimously approved having a local chainsaw artist carve an animal into a tree near the New Year's Day hike trailhead. The cost would be \$200-\$400 and would be split between AHRC and A+C. Debbie asked if the committee was agreeable to attaching our name to this project. It was put to a vote: Debbie made a motion, Al seconded and it was unanimously approved.

- b. Mural at BB Garage- a man from South Windsor purchased the BB Garage and is looking to have a mural painted on its retaining wall. Debbie put him in touch with Matt Conway of CT Murals and muralist Ben Keller. The mural process will begin in July, and the owner will fundraise on his own. Debbie asked if the committee was interested in attaching our name to this project and help him fundraise. It was put to vote: Bernie made a motion, Russell seconded and it was unanimously approved.
- c. Locations for interactive mural(s)- Problem Solved Brewery does not own their building and their lease is year to year. Jim knows the owner of the building and will give them a call. A call to the president of the EWLL regarding the dugouts was not returned. Debbie has a meeting with the safe school climate coordinator on Wednesday 4/13 and will suggest the equipment shed at the HS as a possible location. Other suggestions for possible locations: the Trolley museum and Sportsworld. Debbie will follow up with these venues.
- d. EW A+C in schools-meeting with school climate committee- Debbie is meeting with the SSC coordinator plus all 3 vice principals and all 3 art teachers in the district. She will present the ideas she outlined for Superintendent Tudryn in March.
- e. Painting/showcasing EW pride at PD- the police chief offered the public and private areas of the police station for art displays. Debbie will mention it to the schools during her meeting. Displaying work at the WHP Library was also suggested.
- f. Visiting artists series- possible people to present: Frank Dziedziak (photographer), Jim Taylor (comic book writer/illustrator), Ben Keller (muralist). It was suggested they could speak in the schools at an assembly. It was suggested that would look into bringing diverse groups into the schools. Some recommendations included theater groups, Native American groups, and Civil War reenactors, to represent diversity within the arts.
- g. Other new business: Some possible projects on the horizon- an art project with the graduating seniors every year in collaboration with the Booster Club; researching the demographic makeup of the town and representing each group with a flag; portraying veterans from town on flags; art projects for DPW including painting the plow in front of their building (could be a contest), wrapping the generator outside of Town Hall; painting a mural on the DPW building; and painting the guardrail outside of Town Hall.

#### IV. Outreach

- a. Don Casella, Safe School Climate Coordinator
- b. Jason Bowsza/BoS
- c. Pierre LeClerc
- d. Chris Lariviere
- e. PSB
- f. AHRC
- g. Melissa Maltese
- h. Joe Sauerhaoffer
- i. Booster Club

V. Public Participation: none

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM

**Respectfully submitted by Debbie Williams, Chair of the East Windsor Arts and Culture Committee**