

**East Windsor Arts and Culture
Special Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2021
Town Hall Meeting Room
6:30 PM**

Commission members in attendance: Bernard “Bernie” Duffy, Erica Giroux, Christina Posniak, Karen Stavolone, Debra “Debbie” Williams, Russell Williams, Albert “Al” Ziegler

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

I. Call to Order/Attendance/Guidelines for Meeting

At 6:31 p.m. the meeting was called to order and Debbie Williams welcomed those in attendance.

II. Approval of minutes of November 9, 2021 meeting

Russell Williams made a motion to approve the minutes for the November 9, 2021 meeting and this was seconded by Al Zeigler.

III. Elect/hire Recording Secretary

Al Zeigler made a motion to approve Christina Posniak as Recording Secretary and Bernie Duffy seconded this motion. Chair, Debbie Williams will seek approval to provide a \$500 payment for the recording secretary per year starting July 1.

IV. On-going/Old business

- a. Solar Festival: to capitalize on the fact that the town has a lot of solar farms and perhaps our town can be known for it. This is the “culture” part of our mission. Al will continue to investigate this idea and find someone who knows how to do it. To start: securing a location and deciding on a date/time of year. Suggestion made to include Scouts (as collaborators) and Solar Companies (as supporters).
- b. Logo contest: no submissions so far. Karen Stavolone’s husband has offered to mockup some graphic designs. The call for submissions has a January 31 deadline. Ideas for the logo from the committee include artists’ palette and tobacco leaf; needs to include East Windsor.
- c. Selfie Boards: Approved to be present at Torchlight parade and New Year’s Day Hike. Windsor Locks did their selfie board in a way that they were foldable and had a landscape painted by a local artist.

V. New Business

- a. Budget request for FY22
- b. Next Project(s)

Prior to the meeting Debbie Williams asked each member to come to this meeting with a big and small idea for this committee. The following are those ideas:

- Interactive murals
- Wraps on traffic boxes using historical society photographs
- Visiting Artists
- Artist Day
- Art Shows for school
- Senior Parking spot (fundraiser)
- Chalk Art / pop up art/ chalk messages

- Main Street Festival
- Open Mic; poetry slam open mic in conjunction with the summer concert series.
- Community Market: Farmer's market and craft show fundraiser. Community market could be crafters. Ericka heard from other crafters that there is a desire for something like this. Some of these cross paths with concert series.
- Fine Art shows: Rent a 10-foot area to an artist for the day. Like Manchester does Art on the Green. Do a fine art show vs. a craft show. Publicity needed.
- Database list of artists and adding a page for local businesses. A directory of local businesses.
- Imagine Mainstreet (Manchester) local artisans pop-up two-hour event.
- Murals: one or two in town.
- Postcards with old East Windsor and we sell them at local businesses. Do 6-8 different pictures.

The following is a draft proposed budget:

Recording secretary:	\$500
Interactive murals	\$1,500
Traffic Box Warps	\$3,000 (\$300/box x 10)
Visiting Artist in school or community	\$1,050
One day art/culture festival:	\$2,000
Postcards	\$100
Total:	\$8,150

c. Approve/set meeting calendar for 2022:

January 11	August 9
February 8	September 13
March 8	October 11
April 12	November 8 (to be changed as this is election day)
May 10	December 13
June 14	
July 12	

VI. Correspondence/Outreach

Debbie announced that we received a \$100 donation from the Broad Brook Congregational Church and a nice compliment from an employee from town hall

- Kat McClellan
- AHRC
- BBFD/Parks and Rec
- EW Historical Society
- Patrick Tudryn
- Frank Dziedziak

VII. Public Participation

VIII. Adjourn

Russell Williams made a motion to adjourn, and Bernie Duffy seconded and at 7:30 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

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

These minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting