

**East Windsor Arts and Culture**  
**Special Meeting Minutes**  
**5/16/2022**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Town Hall, Broad Brook**

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

**Commission members in attendance:** Bernie Duffy, Erica Giroux, Christina Posniak, Jimbo Richards, Karen Stavolone, Debbie Williams, Russell Williams

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

**I. Call to Order/Attendance**

Debbie Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**II. On-going/Old Business**

**a. Art displays/vendors at Summer Concert Series (6/16-8/25)**

Debbie spoke with Melissa Maltese about having artists at the Summer Concert series. They agreed that we would have (in addition to the A+C table), no more than 5 artists at each event. They can set up under the pavilion, on the side further from the band. The first show is June 16th, then every Thursday after that (except August 4th, because August 2nd is National Night Out). If Bernie, Erica, and Karen would like to display their art then we are only looking for two more artists. Discussion of the rest of the series at our June 14 meeting. It was discussed that we would switch off who will manage the small number of vendors. Vendors would be using the picnic tables on the side of where the concert takes place. Tables are 6-to-8-feet. Artists would need to bring their own booth or mechanism to show their work. Underneath the pavilion you could fit your tent underneath. Karen can assist when school is out. Karen knows two artists; one is in Windsor, and one is in Manchester. We discussed that local artists should get a preferred spot. One of logo artists who submitted is local and so we will ask that artist if interested. We agreed on simply criteria, East Windsor resident who is an artist or craftsman, supply a picture. We are looking for individuals who are looking to promote their craft and artwork. It was suggested to supply the list of mediums (e.g.: painting, photography, illustration, multi-media, ceramics.) It was recommended to charge \$10 and to have the artist there at 5:30 pm and no breaking down before 8:00 p.m. Jimbo motioned to agree on the fee of \$10 all summer the motion was seconded by Russell Williams. It was discussed that we need to create a form for artists and artisans to fill out. Artists would pay in advance by sending in a check to the town hall. Erica will be judging who will be admitted to be an artists at the Series. Jimbo made a motion to approve, and the motion was accepted by Karen.

**b. Community board/other community art at Summer Concert series**

Debbie proposed a community art piece where participants who attend the Summer Concert series can contribute. Jimbo made motion to approve the purchase of the necessary craft items up to \$100 and Russell seconded. Karen indicated that she has free cheap brushes.

**c. One-day art show during the Historical Society's ice cream social**

Debbie let the committee know that she met with Nancy Masters today at the Historical Society. The Historical Society is planning their ice cream social for Saturday, September 10, 2022 (rain or shine). She was looking to offer space for vendors to set up 10x10 tents, but she hasn't had the chance to advertise that yet, and that is where arts and culture can be helpful. She has invited us to have our one-day Art Show in conjunction with the Ice Cream Social. She was not planning to charge the vendors for space (so we can think about whether we want to or not). She has the space for dozens of vendors. She will have port-o-potties on site and the space is free to us so we can start planning. There is zero cost, just outdoor space. And it is free. The ice cream social is well attended historically. Before we make a motion that we do the ice cream social, Debbie will clarify with Nancy if we are running it. She might be looking for more promotion. Jimbo withdrew his motion until we are able to clarify, and Bernie seconded.

**d. Trolley Museum mural/GoFundme page**

Next, we have an agreement from the Trolley Museum to paint an interactive mural on the front of their building, and a local artist to do it. We will need to do some fundraising- the cost is about \$1,000-\$1,500. Debbie offered that if we create a GoFundMe page and solicit local businesses, we can raise that quickly. The hope is to have it done before the museum opens in mid-June. Matt will set up the GoFundMe page. Christina made a motion to approve moving forward with this project and Jimbo seconded.

**0. EWLL mural**

Debbie reported on her conversation with the East Windsor Little League (EWLL) has \$4k in their treasury and they are interested in having a mural painted on the announcer booth. President of the EWLL is committed to spending the funds in the treasury as EWLL will cease to exist as a single entity. Matt Conway has an artist in mind, Chris Gahn. Arts and Culture are not involved in the direct fundraising. Debbie made a motion to approve moving forward with this project and Christina Posniak seconded this motion.

**1. Art displays at Town Hall, Town Hall Annex, Senior Center, and other highly trafficked public spaces**

We don't have artwork right now, but we should discuss at the next meeting. To show student work, you need parental agreement. A committee member asked that we remember to reach out to all kids who are home schooled and magnet schools. There was a suggestion to not go through the schools but to the parents directly. We agreed to discuss again at the next meeting.

**III. Public Participation**

No public participation.

**IV. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned promptly at 7:06 p.m. by Debbie Williams and was seconded by Erica Giroux.

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