

East Windsor Arts and Culture

Meeting Minutes

9/13/22

6:30 PM

Town Hall, Broad Brook

These minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting

Commission members in attendance: Sharon Aprea, Bernie Duffy, Christina Posniak, Karen Stabolone, Debbie Williams, Russell Williams

Additional Individuals present: Sarah Muska (Selectman – Commission Advisor), Madinah Gharib

I. Call to Order/Attendance

At 6:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order and Debbie Williams welcomed those in attendance. New commission member, Sharon Aprea was introduced. Sharon has been living in East Windsor for 28 years and is an artist whose work was shown recently at the Arts and Craft Showcase during the Summer Concert Series. Madinah Gharib introduced herself. Madinah attended the meeting to ascertain if she is interested in becoming a member. She moved to East Windsor in 1979 and began her work as an artist in 1984; she lives on Phelps Road.

II. Approval of minutes of 7/12/22 meetings

A motion was made by Bernie Duffy to approve the 7/12/2022 meeting minutes and Sharon Aprea seconded.

III. Jim's email/pride in group (requested by Karen and pending Jim's attendance)

Commission members made note that this agenda item has yet to be addressed from three months ago. Jimbo Richards was not in attendance at this meeting which is his third consecutive absence. Commission members inquired how to remove members who appear to no longer be interested in participating. Sarah Muska explained that the Selectman must approve and remove commission members and the commission member has to miss four meetings.

IV. On-going/Old Business

a. Arts and Crafts Showcase summary/Community art piece

Parks and Recreation as host for this event, felt the Arts and Crafts Showcase and Community art piece was successful. The Community art piece was at the library and is now on permanent display at the Police Station.

b. Logo contest

There was a motion to promote it again by resubmitting the flyer for approval to the Board of Ed and the motion was seconded.

c. Collaboration with American Heritage River Commission (AHRC)

The collaboration with AHRC is moving forward successfully. Logs that were cleared at the historical society are being used instead of using a living tree. The chain saw artist (who is located in Canton, CT) will do a sculpture of a piliated woodpecker and have it ready in time for the New Year's hike.

d. Collaboration with schools

a. EWHS: grad project, tennis court fence wrap, parking spaces

Debbie explained what was discussed with the EW high school principal and vice principal. We would take donated pallets and Russell will break them down to individual boards and then we can whitewash them, seniors would take these individual boards to decorate as a senior project and they would be displayed during graduation. Motion by Karen to move forward with grad project and Bernie seconded. We also discussed the fence wrap around the tennis courts. This fabric is inexpensive, and the weave are weather resistant. Motion by Karen to move forward with the fence wrap and Bernie seconded. Debbie explained the resistance from the administration in terms of moving forward with the parking spaces. The commission decided this was not worthy of further discussion at this time.

b. BBES: Rock River, 1B1S mural, assembly speaker

Debbie discussed the projects discussed with the Broad Brook Elementary School Administration. This would be a 4th grade project and each member of the class gets a smooth river rock to paint and every year it is added to the landscape in front of the school and it will create a rock river. Christina Posniak agreed to donate rocks she has at home that could be reused. We also discussed a mural at the school the theme of which would be the painting of the spine of the book that the school is doing for their one book/one school discussion. We would like to hire a local muralist. Having an assembly speaker come in like a local author, poet or artist at some point. Russell Williams made a motion to move forward with the rock river, the mural and the assembly speaker and Christina Posniak and Bernie Duffy seconded. Sharon, and Karen have offered to assist with painting the spines of the book mural.

c. EWMS: Debbie invited to October meeting of beautification council

e. Mural at BB Garage

We were a match maker between the owner of the property and the muralist. The project is set to move forward.

V. New Business

a. Media day for trolley mural

A date has been chosen for the media event announcing the mural at the CT Trolley Museum: it will be Saturday, October 15th, at 10:00 am in conjunction with the

Pumpkin Patch event at the museum. Debbie encouraged commission members to attend.

b. P&R Scarecrow contest

EW Parks and Recreation are putting on a scarecrow contest and Debbie suggested that Arts and Culture make a submission and asked us to consider making a Bob Ross scarecrow for the contest.

- c. Visiting artists series
- d. Movies in the park
- e. DPW projects
- f. Revisit flag idea
- g. Photography contest (CL Photography) Courtney from Courtney Lynn

We began talking about this but decided in the interest of time to talk about it later at the October meeting.

h. Festival/grant/budget

Debbie walked the commission through the draft grant application and elicited feedback.

VI. Communication

- a. VP and principal of ES and HS
- b. PTO and Booster Club
- c. Several local artists
- d. Police dept.
- e. Library
- f. Ed Crowell
- g. Courtney Kataja
- h. Chris Lariviere

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