

**East Windsor Arts and Culture
Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting
3/21/23
6:30 PM
Town Hall, Broad Brook**

These minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting

I. Call to Order/Attendance

Debbie Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and the following were in attendance: Commission members, Bernie Duffy, Christina Posniak, Karen Stavalone, Debbie Williams, and Russell Williams. Sarah Muska was also in attendance.

II. Approval of minutes of 2/14/23 meeting

Russell Williams made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 14, 2023. Bernie Duffy seconded and the commission unanimously approved.

III. New Business

a. Budget presentation to BoS 2.22.23 and BoF 3.28.23

Debbie presented our commission budget and she remarked that it is recorded on YouTube. Debbie let us know that the commission received a compliment from one Board members. Debbie is presenting to the Board of Finance on March 28 and proposing a \$4k budget for next year.

b. Displays at Town Hall and WHP Library

Debbie confirmed these displays. Karen Stavalone suggested to remove the sheet protectors as they take away from the art.

c. Meeting with Matt Conway and Jason

Debbie had a meeting with Matt Conway and Jason Bowsa and discussed a one-year contract with the town. Matt will present on April 6 at the town meeting.

d. Grant money deposited.

The grant money deposited is \$3,825 and the commission has \$9,122.65 in our budget total.

e. Possible sculpture opportunity

Debbie reached to the artist named Mercury (no last name) that was suggested by Matt Conway. As of this meeting, Debbie has not gotten a response from Mercury.

f. Social media

Debbie asked that we promote the arts and culture commission on our own social media channels.

IV. On-going/Old Business

a. Saturday, May 20th event updates

We discussed having the event occur between 12-4pm. We would like to do 4 activities geared towards kids. Sarah Muska is not available to be a vendor; Karen is willing to be a backup. Bernie Duffy is interested in being a vendor. Debbie was thinking six vendors as long as there are tents. We are looking to plan that the first 50 kids get a free tee shirt with. There is a color run being hosted in East Windsor that will end at 12 noon so we will work with those from the color run to cross encourage. Skate Park is doing a golf tournament that day but that should not interfere as we are looking to encourage attendance from different audiences. We talked about encouraging the ice cream lady to come through. Sharon is willing to do a paint pour demonstration. Karen is going to do a throwing or other pottery demonstration. So far, we have three acoustic musicians that will each play for around one hour. We are leaving the other hour for wiggle room and maybe quiet time during Karen's demonstration. Debbie has commissioned an artist to facilitate a collaborative art piece- we are still working out the details.

a. Vendors: Debbie

b. Music: Russell

Russell found three people who are willing to do it: \$250 for two hours.

c. Demonstration: Karen

d. Activities: Christina

Christina will do an Origami presentation.

e. Food: Sharon

We are planning to showcase different cultures of food and we discussed using local restaurants like Belvedere and Villa of Lebanon.

f. Next steps

b. Collaboration with AHRC

The River Commission agreed on the carving so Debbie sent the artist a W9, and he will have the barred owl finished and delivered in time for CT Trails Day on June 3. The total cost for our commission is \$290. The location of the barred owl will be near the metal bridge as this is town land and we cannot put this on State land. The artist is Jerod Welcome who lives in Hamden, CT.

c. Collaboration with schools

a. EWHS: grad project- supplies, tennis court fence project

Pallets are almost complete and ready to be given to the high school students. The cups have come in that make up Panther Pride. These kinds of cups are meant to be more durable and should last for years. The letters are going to be 6 feet wide. \$369 was spent on this.

b. BBES: Rock River,

During this meeting we discussed and approved the following budget items:

- Up to \$50 for ground fabric for Rock River project
- Up to \$75 for paint, sandpaper, and varnish (supplies for grad project)
- Up to \$300 for paint pens/sharpies, and Polytab (and mural paint)
- Up to \$250 for arts and culture t-shirts
- Up to \$2,500 for A+C Day
- Up to \$100 for snacks for kids painting soccer mural.

d. Photography contest

We still have only gotten one submission; Sarah Muska indicated that people are interested in it. Sarah will ask Jason to put the Photography contest on the Town website.

On Sunday, April 2 we have our first Trolley Car Card project meeting.

V. Communication

- a. Lois Heller- WHPL**
- b. Allison Anderson- EWHS**
- c. Jason Bowsza**
- d. Matt Conway**
- e. Khamp Phimvongsa**
- f. Jared Welcome**

- g. Mercury
- h. Alex Raniello

VI. **Public Participation**

VII. **Adjourn**

Debbie adjourns the meeting 7:38 p.m.

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