

Newtown Cultural Arts Commission

Minutes of October 1, 2020 Meeting

These minutes are subject to approval by the NCAC, at the next meeting

The Newtown Cultural Arts Commission, held a meeting via video conferencing on Thursday, October 1, 2020.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Commission Chairman Laura E. Lerman

Members present: Laura Lerman, Andrea Spencer, Deborra Zukowski, Suzanne Lang, Tracy Van Buskirk, Rob Kaiser, Sue Kassirer, Grant Ossendryver

Members absent: Jen Cebry

Auxiliary members: None

Members of the Public: none

Minutes: It was moved that the minutes of the September 3, 2020 meeting be approved; moved by Kaiser, seconded by Zukowski, no discussion, passed unanimously.

Officer Reports: Laura Lerman reported that Sue Marcinek has distributed safety guidelines for Commissions and Boards that wish to meet in person. Andrea Spencer noted that Parks and Rec has organized a scarecrow contest to engage citizens during COVID. Information is available on the Parks and Rec website.

Treasurer's Report: No report

Public Art at Fairfield Hills: The Bee gave the public art Door Project great coverage. Many people are taking pictures (some with pets) and posting them online. Laura is promoting it on Facebook.

Community Center: No report

Public Participation: None

Facebook Page Calendars: to continue our efforts to post interesting content, Laura is posting weekly calendars of area arts commissions.

October Events / Arts Festival: Unfortunately, we will not pursue events during Arts Month because COVID has made it too difficult to find performers.

The Weavers: The weavers club is meeting again at the Congregational Church and has worked out a rent arrangement with the church that will be equal to

the weekly fee paid by those who show up. Jennifer Rogers also received approval from Bob Tate for the rent to be paid directly by the attendees to the church.

Poet Laureate: No leads yet for our search for someone to replace Lisa Schwartz.

Scholarships/Grants: Andrea reported that a grant application was approved to paint murals on three electrical boxes around town. Logistical issues are being worked out. The grant funds will be advanced over time for each box. Tracy noted that this fits in well with our public art initiative at Fairfield Hills and is a good alternative to in person art events.

Municipal Gallery/Showcase/Library Showcase: All on hold until social distancing rules are eased.

Website: Rob is keeping it up to date.

Other Business: None.

It was moved by Kaiser to adjourn, seconded by Lang, no discussion, passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM.