

Newtown Cultural Arts Commission

Minutes of April 7, 2022 Meeting

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

The Newtown Cultural Arts Commission, held a meeting on Thursday, March 3, 2022 in the Community Center.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Commission Chairman Laura E. Lerman.

Members present: Laura Lerman, Grant Ossendryver Andrea Spencer, Roger Connor, Jen Cebry, Tracy Van Buskirk

Members absent: Daniel Ferreira, Robert Kaiser, Robin Lynch

Auxiliary members: None

Members of the Public: Nancy Cole

1. **Minutes:** It was moved that the minutes of the March 3, 2022 meeting be approved, moved by Roger, seconded by Jen, passed unanimously.

2. **Officers' Reports:** None

3. **Treasurer's Report:** None.

4. **Art Festival:** Meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 14.

5. **Grant from Connecticut Cultural Fund:** Some funds were allocated toward the development of a new logo for the CAC. Graphic designer Nancy Cole presented several options. The group liked one and asked Nancy to make a few tweaks. If there is a quorum at the next Art Festival meeting, we can vote and approve.

6. **Scholarships and Grants:** Scholarships: only two applications received. Michelle Hiscovitch shared that graduates are not choosing the arts as a career option, as much as they did in the past. It was decided to extend the deadline by two weeks and four more applications were received. Four were picked and will be finalized soon. Each grant is \$1,250. Grants are due on April 15th. None received yet.

7. **Public Participation:** None.

8. **Community Center:** Jen Cebry reported that there are many programs scheduled for spring break. Lots of crafts and a new pottery teacher is coming.

9. **Public Art:** Jen met with Dan this week. The proposal will not have to be too complicated. Dan will speak with George Benson at P&Z and they will start to think of spaces in town that could be special “Arts Districts”, such as Fairfield Hills (outside of Municipal Center) or ETH (would have to be approved by the Historic District). Jen will meet with Economic Development Commission and Fairfield Hills Authority to develop ideas. George will draft language that would be presented to P&Z. We will include a specification that proposed art will be subject to CAC review and approval.

10. **Municipal Gallery and Artisans’ Showcase:** Newtown K-12 art show through mid April. To be followed by some new artists and potters. Tracy suggested that we “call for artists” on our website. All agreed. Laura will follow up.

11. **Other Business:** None.

Andrea moved and Roger seconded that we adjourn. No discussion. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Tracy Van Buskirk
Secretary
Newtown Cultural Arts Commission