

Newtown Cultural Arts Commission

Minutes June 1, 2023

The minutes are subject to approval by the NCAC members at the next Arts Commission Meeting

The Newtown Cultural Arts Commission held a meeting on Thursday, June 1, 2023 in the Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Commission Chairperson Laura E. Lerman.

Members Present: Laura Lerman, Jennifer Cebry, Roger Connor, Michael Jehle, Grant Ossendryver, Rob Kaiser

Members Absent: Dan Ferreira, Robin Lynch, Andrea Spencer, Jim Cebry

Auxiliary Members: None

Members of the Public: None

1. **Acceptance of Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes from May 4, 2023 by Rob Kaiser, seconded by Roger Connor. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **Officer's Reports:** Nothing to report
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Nothing to report
4. **Newtown Arts Festival:** The Commission is waiting to hear back about tents for the festival. Ms. Cebry will look into the beer and wine permit. Ms. Lerman will inquire about the event permit for Fairfield Hills and Ms. Cebry will follow up.
There will not be a meeting for the Arts Festival next week. There was discussion about changing meetings to the 2nd Thursday of each month once school is finished for the summer.
5. **Municipal Gallery/Showcase:** Nothing new to report
6. **Community Center:** Nothing to report
7. **Scholarships and Grants:** The Commission received a total of 5 grant applications; 2 were submitted by organizations and 3 were received from individuals. Grants were awarded to EverWonder, Town and Country Garden Club, and Paula Brinkman. All were interested in using the funds to assist with signage.
8. **Commission Website Update:** Progress is being made on the website. The \$3,000 cost is covering the architecture of the site to improve its functionality. At this time, the design will remain the same. Next week the Commission will learn about their training date. The website will probably go live around the same date as the training.
9. **Public Participation:** None
10. **Other Business:** The Resiliency Center is closing. There is music related equipment that had been donated to the Center after 12/14. The Commission was asked to decide where it should go. Mr. Connor made a motion for Ms. Cebry to make the decision on where the music equipment from the Resiliency Center should be donated, Mr. Kaiser seconded. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously.
The Commission received a sponsorship from CT Humanities thanks to Michael Jehle. Other sponsorships have been applied for.

11. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was brought by Roger Connor and seconded by Jennifer Cebry. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wendy Holden, Clerk