

Newtown Cultural Arts Commission

Minutes of a Special Meeting held February 7, 2019

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE NEWTOWN CULTURAL ARTS COMMISISON AT THE NEXT MEETING.

The Newtown Cultural Arts Commission held a special meeting on Thursday, February 7, 2019 at The Newtown Municipal Center

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

Members Absent: Grant Ossendryver

Auxiliary members present: None

Public present: None

Laura Lerman called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

- Spencer moved and Kaiser seconded that the minutes of the Jan 10, 2019 meeting be accepted as written. Passed unanimously
- Lerman welcomed new member Suzanne Lang. She also reported that on Feb 2nd, she attended the reception for the opening of Art and Frame of Newtown and that it was well attended.
- Jennifer Cebry, on behalf of Treasurer Jim Cebry, requested approval to spend \$100 to renew our annual membership in the Chamber of Commerce. Moved by Zukowski, seconded by Kaiser, passed unanimously. The funds will come from the operating fund.
- There was no public participation.
- Lerman presented new verbiage for the NCAC By-Laws to (1) provide for the resignation of the Chair by delivering notice to the Vice-Chair (previously there was no provision), and (2) to change the term of office of officers to start on January 7 and end on January 6, in order to mirror the terms of the Commissioners appointed by the Board. After discussion regarding the exact wording, it was moved (Cebry), seconded (Spencer) and passed unanimously to change the wording. The new wording is attached to these minutes.
- Spencer stated that with the Commission resignation of Donna Montelone, a third person is needed to serve on the Scholarship and Grant Committee. Applications will be received in March for the student scholarships with decisioning in April. After some discussion of the logistics and time commitment, Suzanne Long agreed to join the Committee.

- The Gallery at the Municipal Center: The current show is SCAN, running through March. A joint reception for SCAN and The Three Potters will be on Feb 27. A show for K-12 students at the public schools and St. Rose, will run from April 1 - 15 to be followed by Marlene Cafarelli's photography.
- The Gallery Showcase: The new case at the Municipal Center is displaying work by "The Three Potters". The next display will be the Newtown Weavers.
- The Library Showcase: The current display is for the Someday Cinema Series. Next up is the Three Potters.
- On March 29th there will be a show by State Troubadour, Nekita Waller, at the Alexandria Room at Edmond Town Hall.

There being no further business, it was moved (Lerman) and seconded (Kaiser) that the meeting be adjourned at 7:53 pm. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Van Buskirk
Secretary
Newtown Cultural Arts Commission

CHANGES TO NCAC BY-LAWS
APPROVED FEB 7, 2019

Change #1

Original by-laws:

Article III: Appointments, Terms, and Vacancies

Section 5: Resignation/Termination

A. Any NCAC Member may resign at any time by delivering written notice of such resignation to the Chair of the NCAC. All vacancies shall be filled for the balance of their unexpired term by the First Selectman, with the approval of the Board of Selectman.

By-laws with new verbiage in bold.

Article III: Appointments, Terms, and Vacancies

Section 5: Resignation/Termination

A. Any NCAC Member may resign at any time by delivering written notice of such resignation to the Chair of the NCAC **and the Town Clerk. The Chair may resign at any time by delivering written notice of such resignation to the Vice-Chair of the NCAC and the Town Clerk.** All vacancies shall be filled for the balance of their unexpired term by the First Selectman, with the approval of the Board of Selectman.

Change #2

Original by-laws:

Article IV: Organization

Section 2: Approval of Officers

An officer may be elected by 2/3 majority of the NCAC. The term of office for each officer shall coincide with the NCAC's fiscal year (July 1 – June 30).

By-laws with new verbiage in bold.

Article IV: Organization

Section 2: Approval of Officers

An officer may be elected by 2/3 majority of the NCAC. The term of office for each officer shall **begin January 7 and end on January 6 of the following year to mirror the calendar terms of the Commissioners appointed by the Board of Selectman.**