

Newtown Cultural Arts Commission
June 14, 2018
Meeting Minutes

The Newtown Cultural Arts Commission held a meeting on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at the Municipal Center

Members Present: Jennifer Cebry, Tracy Van Buskirk, Rob Kaiser, Donna Montelone, Sue Kassirer

Members Absent: Laura Lerman, Deborra Zukowski, Grant Ossendryver, Andrea Spencer

Auxiliary Member: Elaine Martin

Public Participation: Lisa Schwartz

Jen Cebry called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

- The minutes of the 5/10/18 meeting were approved (moved Montelone, seconded Kaiser)
- Officers' Reports:
 - Laura Lerman, President, communicated that she met with Matt Ariniello, the new Director of the Community Center, and invited him to attend a meeting of the Cultural Arts Commission. On Aug 8th, a videographer will be at the Municipal Center to film a video about living in Newtown, organized by the EDC. The Muni Gallery will be a subject.
 - Treasurer: Jen Cebry, on behalf of the Treasurer, stated that the annual budget of \$2,500 needs to be spent by 6/30/18. It was moved, seconded and passed to allocate that amount for tent rental for the Festival. (moved Van Buskirk, seconded Kaiser)
- Public Participation: None
- Art Festival: On October 20th (as part of Month of the Arts) a concert collaboration between the Edmund Town Hall and the CAC will take place. The performer is David Wax Museum, an acoustic duo. The estimated cost will be approximately \$6,000 to be shared equally between ETH and CAC, as will any profits. It was moved, seconded and passed to spend up to \$3,000 for the concert collaboration (moved Kaiser, seconded Kassirer). An author event for October was also discussed. Art Festival Weekend: several donations have been received. Plans for the Science and Technology tent (new this year) is coming along.
- The Gallery: Sue McLaughlin, a painter, is currently exhibiting her work. Photographer Phyllis Bettino will exhibit July 15 to August 31.
- Showcase at the Library: The current display is by Friends of Newtown. In July, Kelly Makuch, a fused glass artist, will have a display.
- Grants and Scholarships: Laura and Andrea presented the scholarships on June 6 at the Scholarship Award Night at NHS. Four \$1,000 scholarships were awarded by the CAC. Donna reported that it was a very moving experience.
- Website: Being updated.
- Other News: Jen Cebry is part of the Sustainable Connecticut Commission. Newtown is going through a long and detailed application process with the hope of attaining Gold Status. Jen is working on the Arts portion of the application.

There being no further business, it was moved (Montelone), seconded (Van Buskirk) and voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm.

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All meetings to be held at the Municipal Center unless otherwise noted.

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