

Oxford Cultural Arts Commission

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Meeting Minutes for May 14, 2020 - Oxford Town Hall 7 pm to 9 pm

<https://meet.google.com/jbq-pdcy-kcn>

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Call to Order: 7:06pm

Attending Commissioners: Richard Franzino, Cynthia Soucy, Clara McGee, Amelia McGee, Adrienne Radcliffe, Jenn East

Audience of Citizens *JoAnna Lucas 49 New Street, Seymour*

Commission Business

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Read, Adrienne made motion for Acceptance and Richard Made second Motion

Correspondence (Jen has keys for mail)

Received: Jennifer will scan and send correspondence to all members. received correspondence from GOMS and OHS. Discussion for scholarships to proceed as normal. Festivalnet advertising and further plans for the Arts and Crafts Fair were discussed. Vendors are at full capacity.

Officer's Reports

Treasurer's Report Richard

Account Balance Municipal

Special Activities \$ 581.78

Arts & Crafts \$ 3784.56

PayPal \$ 1212.16

New Bills: \$79 Carol Soucy Endowment fund via CT Community Foundation

\$150 for Great Oak Middle School awards 8th grade grads (2)

Unfinished Business

Discussion about a year plan and creating budgets for programs that have been planned. Possible budget for tables and chairs. Purchasing a sound system for events was discussed as a first step to holding events. Richard will email the particulars for the system. At this time the budget for the sound system is 2398.00. Arts and Crafts fair will wait to advertise to see if we will be able to have the fair because of social distancing. discussion on a laptop that Jenn has and will give to Rich for treasurer reports and see what else is on the laptop. They will meet at town hall and Jenn will give Rich the keys for the town hall mailbox, Jen will retain the P.O. Box keys for the purpose of the Arts and Crafts fair.

Voting commenced for officers

Motion for Vote for Richard as Treasurer 1st motion by Jen, 2nd by Cynthia vote is unanimous.

Motion for Vote for Amelia as Secretary, 1st motion by Cynthia, 2nd by Adrienne, vote is unanimous

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OCAC Program Reports

Because of the Covid-19 Pandemic some Programs are on Hold, or will be Revised.

1. **Oxford Art Walk - possibly set date for 2020** - We were told we could not have town programs at the Haynes quarry walk green. discussion began about other possible options.
2. **Gallery - Library** - JoAnna will research the possibility of an online gallery to try to continue our visual arts program.
3. **Arts and Crafts Fair** - Discussion on how to handle the Arts and crafts fair if we cannot hold it - Postponement or cancelation. Possibly holding spots till the next year and/or refunds.
4. **Earth Day Poster Contest** - Adriene left the meet prematurely so we did not get a report from her on this.
5. **Farmer's Market** - Discussion about Stage Area being the Gazebo and setting a budget of around 50 dollars per musician. The purchase of the new sound stage will help this event be successful. This could also be an open mic.
6. **Awards for GOMS and OHS updates** - JoAnna will Follow up with Great Oak Middle School and Oxford High School. Richard will have the appropriate checks made out.
7. **Sculpture in the Garden** - This project is on hold at this time.

New Business

1. **Make Music Day** - Discussion about a totally online Music Event that Celebrates MMD. Sharing and inviting musicians to our FB page. Teaching music, voice, making music instruments and performances for that day will be posted.
2. **Art Gallery in Town Hall** - We will work up a Price to Replace Outdated Hardware for this and Bring Back Monthly Shows eventually.

Future Action Steps

- Rich will meet with Jenn and exchange information, laptop and keys. Rich will check for our Kiosks and sandwich sign. Will send particulars for the sound system to everyone to check. Get checks for scholarships.
- Cynthia will speak with the first Selectman about space for our commission. Begin a yearly plan to present to town hall at the appropriate time.
- JoAnna will Work on Scholarships and Continue online Poetry Reading for Now.

Adjournment: 9:05pm

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Respectfully submitted

Cynthia Soucy

OCAC Acting Secretary