

Stowe Arts and Culture Council

Minutes of regular meeting of the Stowe Arts & Culture Council at Town Hall and on Zoom

Monday, November 21, 2022

In attendance: Rachel Moore, Chair, Beth Lieberman, Cheryl Casey, Mort Butler, Kelly Holt and Lynn Paparella, Sharon Harper, and Hope Sullivan, Scribe

Absent: Renee Mitchell

Also in attendance: Cindy Weber

Meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM

On a motion duly seconded the Minutes of Aug 15 and Oct 17, 2022 were approved

Action Items/Committee Reports – 3 priorities for the year from Vision agreement

Rachel updated that she, Hope, and Sharon met with Chair (Mila) and staff liaison (Sarah) to see how SACC could be better integrated. Can start now to insert arts and culture into next town plan. They'll be beginning that planning middle of next year. So if we start now and revise current section and look through plan for where/how to be inserted. Also talked about building / capital projects and how to be at the table. They identified a few projects going on right now 1) Luce Hill bridge and intersection (traffic light project). 2) Southern and Northern gateways to Stowe 3) Moscow traffic abatement ideas. Next steps are to go to Harry and Chris and DPW to see what is upcoming and see how to get looped into the list of projects. Kelly has idea of someone to reach out to regarding sound engineering of that so could have a more complete idea.

Lynn asked what is the purpose of having an arts and culture council involved in road work? Rachel and Mort responded that important to be at the table during planning allows for creative placemaking, creating a more vibrant, artistic, attractive community.

Rachel also updated that if there are proposals to the town for public art on town land she asked Charles if we should be the ones to review the work and recommend to the SelectBoard. He said ultimately it might hold up the process. Instead should be at the Select Board meetings when they are approved. And Art in Public Places policy should be finished soon.

For marketing – Mort requested that Sharon set it up for meeting regarding arts organizations that aren't members. Sharon recommends waiting for SAA planning phase to be completed in the new year.

Kelly did quick update – social media software (Sendible) that can schedule more strategically. Can portion be expensed? Group nodded yes.

Mort updated that the Selectboard meeting on Monday and she'll be at that one.

Rachel reviewed next steps from above. Also noted that town doesn't have a grantwriter but there are some amazing opportunities. E.g. Bloomberg Philanthropies. We'd need to partner

with other towns. Deadline is Feb 15. She'll send out the details with request to reply with ideas. Kelly, Rachel, Lynn, and Cheryl all interested in working on the grant.

Lynn updated that Stowe Performing Arts is poised to put on 4 to 6 concerts this summer. Also had incredible meeting with ED of Boston Children's Chorus and have tentatively set a date for choruses to come and do a concert in Stowe. In keeping with their mission to address diversity and inclusion thinking of something that would be much more than a concert. Would involve many organizations in the community. Request for ideas to be sent to her.

Mort, Hope, Rachel, and Cindy updated on respective event calendars.

Next meeting is December 19, 2022 at 9AM. Cindy is away so Rachel will run the meeting. Mort will be away then as well.

On a motion duly seconded the meeting was adjourned at 9:44 AM.

Respectfully submitted by,
Hope Sullivan