

Stowe Arts and Culture Council

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

Monday, January 23, 2023

In attendance: Rachel Moore, Chair, Cheryl Casey, Mort Butler, Lynn Paparella, Mary Monteith, Beth Lieberman, and Hope Sullivan, Scribe

Absent: Kelly Holt

Meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM

On a motion duly seconded the Minutes of Nov 21, 2022 were approved

Mary Monteith, Membership and Marketing Coordinator, has joined as SAA representative for today but officially a member of the public. Selectboard will vote on SAA representation to replace Sharon Harper at Feb 13 meeting. Group introduced themselves.

Renee Mitchell has also stepped down.

Action Items:

Annual report is overdue. Rachel, Kelly, and Mort will try to put together marketing report. Rachel asked that everyone update the joint excel spreadsheet with events for that report early this week.

Committee Reports

Rachel updated that she and Hope updated the artwork in public places policy and that has been revised and is being presented to the Selectboard on Feb 13. Everyone is asked to attend.

Lynn will do a Stowe FPF post saying that SACC is looking for new members. Beth will post in Hyde Park, Cheryl will post in Waterbury.

Rachel was at recent selectboard meeting where they discussed appropriations. Seems like everyone was level funded. They had questions about a few new ones – e.g. Big Heavy World, Stowe Jazz Festival. Rachel advocated for a % for the arts and talked about the creative economy etc. Mort was at previous selectboard meeting.

Next step for town plan and planning task force (Hope and Rachel) are to speak with Harry, Chris, and DPW to see what is upcoming and how to get looped into the list of projects.

Organization updates:

Lynn updated that Stowe Performing Arts is poised to put on 5 concerts this summer. Also Boston Children's Chorus in October.

Beth updated on Book reading on Sat evening for international holocaust remembrance day, Friday. Feb 8 ice sculpture lighting at 5pm.

Hope updated on upcoming Spruce Peak Arts programming.

Cheryl updated that Stowe Theatre Guild is looking for a Director for Sound of Music – show will be in end of Sept/early October. Once that's set they'll announce the season, only this one show planned for summer 2023. In regrouping stage, can't do a full season.

Rachel updated that the Current has an opening on Thursday, 5 to 7p. Saturdays in Feb from 3 to 5p, live jazz music – art and apres, for free.

Lynn let everyone know of upcoming reading at Round Hearth with Erika Nichols Fraser, local girl made good. Cheryl seconded the recommendation.

Cheryl is not teaching capstone this year but will make sure that folks who oversee internships have SACC contact info.

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

Respectfully submitted by,
Hope Sullivan