

Town of Fairfield
Minutes of the Fairfield Arts Commission Meeting

February 20, 2024

The Fairfield Arts Commission held a meeting on Tuesday, February 20th, 2024 in the Second Floor Conference Room of Old Town Hall located at 611 Old Post Road in Fairfield. The meeting was also held via Zoom.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charlie MacDonald, Connor Deane, Lou Heumann, Kevin Gosselin, Katie Lang, Christine Orlando. Via zoom: Sam Goldstein, Sam Cargill

ABSENT: Matt Oestreicher

ALSO PRESENT: Representative Jennifer Leeper, Mark Barnhart

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:02PM

1. Minutes from the January 16th, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved.
2. Chair MacDonald welcomed Representative Leeper who made comments about her role in Hartford. Mark Barnhart updated Rep. Leeper on the committee's mission and work to date. Commissioner Gosselin presented the Commission's logo, brand standards and social media handle. Vice Chair Deane asked about the current status of grants from CT Humanities. Rep. Leeper received confirmation that this year's CT Humanities grant budget will be significantly reduced.
3. Commissioner Cargill requested to discuss fundraising at the next Commission meeting.
4. Vice Chair Deane will finish capturing photos of the outstanding Commissioners and continue collecting assets to publish on @fairfieldartscommission.
5. Commissioner Goldstein reported on the proposed community arts event. Names and contact info from all Commissioners' artist networks will be collected and amassed into a town-wide list of local talent. The event form and date are to be determined shortly.
6. Mark Barnhart presented a geographic rendering of the proposed cultural district and assets by category. A final proposal will be presented at the March meeting.
7. Chairman MacDonald brought up the idea of a Fairfield Film Festival and Secretary Heumann mentioned the local film festival that FTC is seeding.
8. Mark Barnhart will look into the best date to present the Commissions' work to the RTM.
9. One public comment was made via zoom regarding support for a local film festival and continued interest in the creation of a community arts center.

NEXT STEPS: Set the date for the community arts event, vote on the proposed cultural district boundaries, and launch the social media campaign.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 12th, 6pm

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.