

Town of Fairfield
Minutes of the Fairfield Arts Commission Meeting

April 16, 2024

The Fairfield Arts Commission held a meeting on Tuesday, April 16th, 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, Katie Lang, Christine Orlando, Sam Goldstein, Sam Cargill, Kevin Gosselin, Lou Heumann Via zoom: Matt Oestreicher.

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Barnhart

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:01PM

1. The minutes from the March 12th meeting were unanimously approved.
2. The FA social channels continue to grow. Commissioner Deane reported that there are 180 followers on IG with more coming daily. A cross promotion with Experience Fairfield promoting the Arts Conversation Session was shared widely. Outstanding Commissioner photos will be posted shortly. Next up for the social channels will be to highlight each of our arts organizations.
3. Mark Barnhart reported that the cultural district letter of intent has been sent to the Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County. No comments or feedback have been received. Next steps for completion of the designation are to hold a community input meeting and to make a referral to the Board Of Selectmen to adopt a resolution to establish an Arts District.
4. The April 27th Arts Conversation Meeting logistics, details and run of show were discussed. A follow up meeting with the committee, David Green and John Cusano is scheduled for 4/22.
5. On April 18th, Chair MacDonald and Vice Chair Deane reported to the RTM on the commission's work to date. Public questions focused on the overall "big picture" goal of the commission's work.
6. Commissioner Cargill raised the idea of the commission becoming a 501c (3) organization and related implications for increasing future fundraising. Ancillary event ideas mentioned were an award given to the Artist or Arts Promoter of the Year and children's art workshops.
7. Commissioner Cargill invited all to the outdoor classical music series at Pequot Library "Under the Arches".

Meeting was adjourned at 6:39.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 21st at 6pm.