

Town of Fairfield
Minutes of the Fairfield Arts Commission Meeting

October 17, 2023

The Fairfield Arts Commission held a meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 in the First Floor Conference Room of Sullivan Independence Hall located at 725 Old Post Road in Fairfield. The meeting was also held via Zoom.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charlie MacDonald, Matt Oestreicher, Katie Lang, Lou Heumann

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sam Cargill, Connor Deane, Kevin Gosselin, Sam Goldstein, Christine Orlando

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Barnhart

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

Unfortunately, there was not a quorum so the minutes from the September 19th meeting were not approved. They will be presented at the November 21st meeting.

Mark Barnhart and Commissioners MacDonald, Oestreicher, Lang and Heumann held an open discussion about the Arts Commission's mission and goals. Several ideas were presented. In no particular order they are listed here:

- Conduct a survey of the community assessing needs, desires, input and possibly a tag line competition
- Finish Arts District Designation
- Hold an open meeting to gather input from the community
- Increase residents' Arts Fluency and Pride through programs such as Banners, Public Space Murals, Utility Pole Painting, Videos, Website representation, An Arts Festival, Arts Passports (for children), a snappy tag line, digital kiosk, a Career in the Arts Forum for high schoolers.

Mark Barnhart presented the figures from the 2023 Arts & Economic Prosperity Report which focused on the impressive economic impact that cultural organizations have on local towns.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:02.