

ENFIELD CULTURE & ARTS COMMISSION

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Via Zoom 6:30 pm

Present

Emily McIntosh, Damon Patnoe, Donna Hamre, Joshua Hamre, Jennefer Ryan, Kelly Hemmeler, Terence LaCasse

Approval of prior minutes: Josh made a motion to accept the minutes, Jennifer 2nd the motion. Minutes accepted.

Chairperson's Remarks

Torchlight parade update in New Business.

Staff Liaison Remarks

Big huge thanks from the library for the use of the inflatable screen for their outdoor movies. The Community Room Carpet has been replaced and is now available to be used for programs.

New Business

Terence LaCasse joined us from Acme Mystery Company and Fool in the Forest Theater Group, He spoke about the theater show he put on in Vernon, CT that had great attendance for both performances. He is working on receiving 501c3 status and working on "The Tempest" for the Shakespeare Festival.

He joined the meeting to learn more about the Band Shell that is in plans for development at Higgins Park. Kelly explained that there will be a referendum in November and the funding for the Band Shell as well as the new pool and playscapes will be included in the Recreation referendum. It was recommended that he should contact Mary Keller with additional questions regarding Parks and Recreation projects or to attend the Town Council meetings. We reviewed the ECAC Budget and what plans were included in this year's budget. Emily spoke about Terence updating his Mini grant application for next summer if he was still interested. He explained that he would have to work as a contractor with the town for the funding.

Family Day on the Town Green was canceled for this year. Jennefer suggested having the Poet Laureate set up a table at the ERFC Fall for Enfield Festival on Saturday, October, 2 from 10-4. Emily will reach out to ERFC to see if we can arrange for a table, Emily made a motion to allow Elizabeth to use the ECAC Pop-up tent for the event, Josh 2nd the motion, vote was unanimous.

Emily has been working with Mary on the Torchlight Parade. We are still not sure if the Enfield Public Schools will be sending the chorus to perform. We would like Elizabeth to do a poem reading about 3-4 minutes in length prior to introducing the Mayor to light the Christmas Tree.

The entire event is under the umbrella of ECAC, we will ask Elizabeth to submit some selections of poems she would like to read for our selection.

Old Business

The next virtual Paul Biscaccia concert is on September 25, 2021. Donna and Josh will be working with Paul to facilitate the Zoom concert and sound check.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 6:30 via Zoom.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Hamre, Secretary