

## **WESTPORT ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, June 9, 2020**

**10 – 11:30, Town of Westport recorded ZOOM call**

**Present on call: Co-chairs** Nancy Diamond and Richard Epstein, and committee members, Kathie Bennewitz, Miggs Burroughs, Eric Chiang, Frederic Chiu, Lee Goldstein, Deirdre Kelly, Kelle Ruden, Carole Schweid, Elizabeth Strick.

**Not participating,** John Dodig, Deirdre Price, Diane Lowman

Nancy Diamond called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

### **1. Otocast.**

All Copy editing is very close to completion. Some images still need attention, as does the audio welcome to Westport introduction. Committee anxious to launch the app as soon as possible. Publicity for the launch will be on 06880, and social media. Westport Realtors will be notified. Also suggested, lawn signs around Westport. Nancy thanked all who have worked tirelessly on this project.

### **2. Re-Opening Westport.**

WAAC has presented the idea of a tent on Jesup Green for the use of all non-profit arts organizations. Jen Tooker, second selectman is supportive of the idea. Logistics still to be worked out, and permission to be sort from Planning and Zoning. The Library is on board with the idea, and is looking for a donor to cover the cost of the tent. Arts organization using the tent would be in charge of all logistics, including ticketing and manning the tent. An email will be sent to all art organizations once the tent has been approved by the Town and is following the State guidelines.

### **3. “Rock Paper Scissors”**

The RTM accepted the sculpture “Rock Paper Scissors’ to the Town Art Collection. The work will be placed near the entrance to the Library on the Jesup Green side of the building. The ZBA is being approached for a variance. A dedication of the work is planned for late July or August. Kathie was thanked for her presentation to the RTM, and for shepherding the project.

### **4. WestPAC:**

Staples interns are helping at the Senior Center with utube presentations. A new WestPAC data-base is being worked on and will be ready in the Fall.

**5. Possible new committee members:**

Richard has approached Doug Tirola, who seems interested. A candidate with a Tech background would also be a good addition to the committee. Frederic suggested David Bibbi, who recently moved to the area, and is a free-lancer in the Tech field. Frederic has worked with him

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS TUESDAY, JULY 14 2020**

Meeting adjourned at 11:00am

Elizabeth Strick

Secretary

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