

Westport Arts Advisory Committee
Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 12 noon Town Hall room 201

Present: Nancy Diamond, Kathie Bennewitz, Miggs Burroughs, Eric Chiang, Richard Epstein, Lee Goldstein, Diane Lowman, Shobana Man, Elizabeth Strick, Kimberly Wilson.

Guest, Harris Falk, Jessica Noyes McEntee.

Unable to attend: Charles Rosoff, Dina Upton, Frederic Chiu.

1. Poet Laureate introduction:

Nancy Introduced and welcomed Jessica Noyes McEntee to the WAAC committee. Nancy asked that Jessie let Dina Upton know when she is doing any events so that she can post it on the WAAC website. Kimberley was thanked for her reading at the Library welcoming event for Poet Laureate.

2. WestPAC update:

Kathie has had the declassified art work from the Town Collection removed from the Town Art insurance. Some art has remained in the schools and will be re-labeled.

WAAC has allocated \$11,000 for refurbishing of the Minuteman and the Dough Boy, both of which are Town monuments. Nancy will set up a meeting with Parks and Rec Superintendent, Mike West, to discuss assuming insurance of the Cannon at Compo Beach and other outdoor “non-fine” art.

3. TEA Talk:

Shobana gave the committee an updated handout on ideas discussed at our last meeting. It was agreed we should move away from social justice and focus on the democratization of the arts, and the use of technology for delivery of information and a way to promote art.

Words suggested for the use in possible title for the November 6th event included *Renaissance, Democratization, Creations,*

It was agreed that the following topics should be explored.

Diana will speak with Ty Deran on Trans Rights

Miggs will speak with Travis Bell, sound man for Verso studio

Miggs will also speak with artist, Tom Berntsen about his current work

Nancy will talk to Niles Luthor, Fairfield cellist, composer and NFT user

Shobana will speak with 5 Fingaz, Norwalk artist and pursue the George Floyd muralist whom she believes has satellite national movements.

There will be no meeting in August. Are next meeting in September has been changed from September 13th to the following week, Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 1:05pm

Respectfully submitted

Elizabeth Strick, Secretary

