

**WESTPORT ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
WESTPORT TOWN HALL, ROOM 309
MARCH 8, 2016**

NEXT MEETING OF THE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL BE ON TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016 AT 12 NOON, TOWN HALL, ROOM 309

PRESENT: Co-chairs: Richard Epstein and Nancy Diamond, Kathy Bennewitz, Miggs Burroughs, Frederic Chiu, Sandy Lefkowitz, Deirdre Price, Elise Russi, Elizabeth Strick.

ABSENT: Ann Chernow, Eric Chiang, Katherine Ross, Carole Schweid, Ann Sheffer.

1. Updating Website.

Miggs and Deirdre will work on reformatting the website. Separate pages are to be created for, Honorees, TEA Talks, Artists list and WESPAC. Nancy will find out about a Town email address.

2. October 23rd, TEA Talks

Art and Advertising is the potential topic for the next TEA Talk, which will explore today's artists who draw a fine line between their chosen field and the commercial world. A number of names were put forward for the October, TEA TALK. They are; Norman Siegel, Illustrator and graphic designer. Ryan Lester, composer and potential candidate for a horizon award, Robin Batteau, composer, who writes jingles and Mark Yurkiw, graphic artist and a visionary in the advertising world. Richard will contact Ryan Lester to see if he is available.

3. WSPAC

A new policy has been created and shared with the BOE for approval. It comprises two documents, one to govern the collection, the other how it will be managed. When approved it was suggested an agent be appointed to oversee the two policies. It is also hoped that Cultural Alliance or other organizations will be WSPAC's fiscal agent until a standalone non-profit may be developed, to enable continued fundraise for the collection. Another suggestion put forward, is for a charitable trust to be set up under the Town of Westport, Further meetings are in progress.

4. Town Hall, sound and drapes.

Sandy and Richard met with the Town Attorney to discuss the proposals for a sound system and black out drapes for the windows in the auditorium. The Sound proposal was

of interest to the Town, as it would improve the current system for its meetings as well as make the auditorium more attractive to use as a rental.

Drapes were considered not as urgent, but still of interest. Two estimates per project would be needed before presentation.

The Town has hired a consultant to evaluate the configuration and use of the Town Hall building. Once the evaluation is complete, the proposals for sound and drapes will be considered at a town budget meeting.

5. Found sculpture

Kathy reported on two pieces of sculpture, which were abandoned behind the Park and Rec garage on Barons South. None of the pieces matched artwork in the WAAC database. Kathy is enlisting all help in identifying the work and has asked Park and Rec not to discard.

Elizabeth Strick
Secretary