

**WESTPORT ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
WESTPORT TOWN HALL, ROOM 309  
APRIL 12, 2016**

**NEXT MEETING OF THE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL BE ON TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016 AT 12 NOON, TOWN HALL, and ROOM 309**

**Present:** Co-chair Nancy Diamond, Miggs Burroughs, Eric Chiang, Kathie Bennewits, Katherine Ross, Carole Schweid, Elizabeth Strick.

**Absent:** Co-chair Richard Epstein, Ann Chernow, Frederic Chiu, Sandy Lefkowitz, Deirdre Price, Elise Russi, Ann Sheffer.

**AGENDA:**

**1. Progress on TEA Talk**

Possible title of event, “The Arts In Advertising” and “Art In Advertising”  
Ryan Lester has agreed to be part of the music section of the event. Robin Batteau, a former Horizon winner was suggested to be in conversation with Ryan.

Possibly representing artists: Norman Siegel, illustrator and graphic designer, and Mark Yurkiw, a graphic artist and visionary in the advertising world in discussion with Miggs. Still under discussion.

Actor, James Naughton who works in film, theater, TV and commercials was suggested. Carole will speak to him and see if he is available. Andy Fowler, actor a former Staples grad was also a possibility.

Nancy asked if an exhibit at the Historical in connection with the event would be possible. Kathy will check with Susan Gold.  
Marketing sponsor needed. Nancy will speak with Krille Ruden at the Library. It was also suggested Bill Harmer be invited to one of our meetings.

**2. Report on Town/School; art collection. Kathy**

At a recent meeting of the BOE the Town attorney made clear the Art Collection is owned by the Town. A policy is being drawn up by the BOE, and will include the roll of the Town in the policy.

A committee will be needed to govern the collection. Rather than form a new Town Committee, the hope is that a committee can be formed as a WAAC subcommittee

### **3. Report on Westport “Wandernet” Miggs**

“Wandernet” is a way-finding kiosk. Miggs created a ruff design of what the kiosk could look like. It would be 4 sided, each side containing different information. For example, historical, tourism, restaurants and juried art work. There would be a solar panel on top making it self-sustainable, and a charging station.

A \$20,000 public grant has been applied for. If awarded, a proto type of the kiosk would be built and presented to the Town. Each kiosk would cost in the region of \$10,000

### **4. Other business.**

Nancy asked Eric to research artists who are know longer with us since the last TEA Talk in October 2015 for the in memoriam tribute.

Artist to be included are, Howard Munce and Niadd Einsell.

Katherine suggested that we show the movie, “A Gathering of Glory” which was produced by Martin West as a separate WAAC event and will explore.

### **5. Piano.**

Nancy reported for Richard, that a 1937 model M, Steinway grand, 7’ 2” in length has become available. It is owned by the Village Gate NYC, and has a rich history. The price is \$10,000. The Town is not in a position to purchase the piano, but if a significant portion of its cost was provided there might be interest. Also the care and upkeep would have to be considered. A decision is needed in two weeks.

Elizabeth Strick  
Secretary