

North Kingstown Arts Council

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Nancy White Sherman – Chairperson, James Halley – Vice Chairperson, Donna Vanderbeck, Scott Monroe, Kathleen McCarthy, Eleanor Acton, Nora Hall, Gerry Grabowski, Debbie Sabo.

New members: Roberta Belanger, Dan Swain.

Excused: Robert Martone, Maria Carroccia, Gail Shawn Burda.

Attendee: Ricky Thompson

1. Call to order: Nancy Sherman – Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:05.
2. Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-60 Notice if this meeting has been posted on the Secretary of State's website.
3. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve February 9, 2022 Minutes as written, made by James Halley, seconded by Eleanor Acton.
 - a: Unanimous approval.
4. New Members Roberta Belanger and Dan Swain were introduced and warmly welcomed.
5. Financial Items:

According to our up to date records show \$7985 is encumbered and \$2,569 is unencumbered.

Motion to accept the Financial Report made by James Halley, seconded by Donna Vanderbeck.

 - a: Unanimous
6. Publicity/Website: Scott Monroe reported Laura Blackwell, is doing a great job on the Art Councils website. Scott is working on the flyer for the Summer Concert Series. He will be using Adobe Illustrator for the flyer. The Summer Concerts need descriptions on the various bands, type of music. We will be using Print Craft again to print the Flyers. **Additional flyers can be printed as needed during the summer season.**
7. Art in the News:

"We Are ALL Readers Children's Book Festival is a week- long festival of diverse children's books, from April 4-9.

StoryWalks at libraries and schools in East Greenwich, North Kingstown, Kingston, West Warwick, and Exeter featuring outdoor installations of picture book pages along a walking path.

A free public in-person book celebration on April 9, from 1-5pm, featuring author talks, story time, fun activities and book signing!

Motion made by Gerry Grabowski, seconded by Jim Halley to [post this information on our FB and web pages](#).

The North Kingstown High School Play, Momma Mia, was very good.

Motion made by Gerry Grabowski, seconded by Jim Halley to advertise at the school facilities.

8. Project Proposals

a) Gilbert Stuart Spring Fair - The purpose and goal of our Spring Fair is to allow visitors to enjoy unique and exciting displays of history, nature and art, within the scenic and significant Gilbert Stuart Birthplace and Museum, a National Historic Landmark here in North Kingstown, RI

Motion to approve \$450 request, made by Jim Halley, seconded by Gerry Grabowski. Unanimous approval. [#80411 Gail Shawn Burda liaison](#)

b) NK Rec Halloween Event-We want to invite the community to join us for a Halloween Movie on the Beach we will have decorations and some trick or treating. Advertising NKAC as the host, along with a few food trucks and encourage the kids to dress up and use their imagination. Also host a costume parade at the town beach before the movie starts. Hocus Pocus will be the movie, on October 22, 2022 from 4PM-5PM.

Motion to approve \$500 requested by the Recreation Department, Chelsey Dumas Gibbs, Director, made by Jim Halley, seconded by Gerry Grabowski. Unanimous approval. [#80412 Nancy Whyte Sherman liaison](#)

c) The Cocumscussoc House Open House-This year an

exhibit titled, "Their Word Turned Upside Down" will feature the affects of the American Revolution on the Updike's and neighboring plantations. A speaking presentation accompanying the exhibit will examine the question that many have suspected at the time of the Updike's loyalists, the reasons for such suspicion, and the conclusions our researchers have found.

Motion to approve \$700 requested by Robert Geake, President of the Cocumscussoc Association, made by Jim Halley, seconded by Eleanor Acton Unanimous approval. [#80413 Gail Shawn Burda liaison](#)

9. Final Funding Forms: WAA Poetry and Art-The weekend of Poetry and Art was successful. Covid protocols were still in effect, that is why it was presented in three days and not one. Forty-two artists and poets were invited to attend and meet each other. WAA is grateful to be sharing to the community some of the top poets and artists to our community.

Motion to approve the Final Funding Report, made by Jim Halley, seconded by Donna Vanderbeck. Unanimous approval.

10. Old Business: Concert Update-Waiting for one more food truck to send paperwork. Setting up schedule for what food trucks will be at each concert.

Nancy is recommending to notify the town for the need for a theater and pool to be included with the new recreation center with the ARPA money for the town. Recommend to talk with the school committee about the rental prices for the High School. They are very expensive. Lafayette Band now rehearses at the Community Center.

11. New Business-Election of New Officials-Nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary are:

Nancy Sherman, James Halley, Maria Carroccia, respectively.

Motion made by Gerry Grabowski, seconded by Scott Monroe to elect both Nancy Sherman and James Halley for President and Vice President, respectively. Unanimous Approval.

Maria Carroccia was absent for the vote, but has agreed to accept at our next meeting.

12. Correspondence-

13. Adjournment-Nancy White Sherman, Chairperson called for a Motion to Adjourn.

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm made by Jim Halley, seconded by Donna Vanderbeck.

Unanimous approval.

The Next Scheduled Meeting will be on April 13, 2000

Respectfully submitted by,

Gerry R. Grabowski