

FINAL

**ARTS & CULTURE TASK FORCE
MINUTES, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018
SCRATCH SUPPLY COMPANY
1 COURT STREET, LEBANON
7:00 pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sherry Fiore (Public Rep.), Devin Wilkie (Public Rep.), Jessica Giordani (Local Art Rep.), Karen Zook (City Council Rep.), Suzanne Prentiss (Mayor/City Council Rep.), Robert Welsch (Heritage Commission Rep.), Joe Clifford (Local Art Rep.), Chip Brown (Economic Vitality Rep.), Susan Weber Valiante (Public Rep.).

STAFF PRESENT: David Brooks (Planning and Zoning Director)

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Suzanne Prentiss called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: OCTOBER 2, 2018

A MOTION was made by Robert Welsch to approve the October 2, 2018 Minutes as amended.

The MOTION was seconded by Devin Wilkie.

**** The vote on the MOTION passed unanimously (9-0).***

Amendments: Page 1, Line 20: change “Paul Coates” to “Paul Coats”; Page 2, Line 6: change “David Brooks” to “Mr. Brooks”; Page 2, Line 15: change “Robert Welsch” to “Mr. Welsch”; Page 2, Line 30: change “Welsch” to “Mr. Welsch”; Page 2, Line 37: change “Rob Welsch” to “Mr. Welsch,”; Page 2, Line 46; change “and work toward” to “that worked toward”; Page 3, Line 19: change “”Ms. Giordano” to “Ms. Giordani”; Page 4, Line 22: change “Mayor Prentis” to “Mayor Prentiss”

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Continue discussion regarding Final Task Force Recommendations and Presentation to the City Council to establish an Arts & Culture Commission.

Mayor Prentiss led a discussion of the Arts & Culture Task Forces’ Powerpoint presentation which will be an agenda item at the City Council meeting on November 7, 2018.

The powerpoint presentation reviewed the history of the task force and its work to date which included:

Arts and Culture Task Force

- Agenda items submitted by Councilors Zook and Mayor Prentiss for approval on March 21, 2018
- Community conversations taking place about the richness of arts and cultural activities in our city
- Sense that that a more coordinated approach could support the implementation and update to Chapter 12 “Community Design and Civic Art” of the Lebanon Master Plan.

Initial Approved Goals

- Identifying and cataloging all of the arts and cultural opportunities in the City.
- Exploring the purpose, development, and implementation of an Arts and Cultural District in Lebanon and submitting a recommendation to the City Council; and
- Defining and exploring the intersection of the Art, Public Art, Economic Development, and Government in the City.

Schedule of Meetings and Education

- Pursue the completion of goals.
- Met twice a month starting May.
- Rotated locations in the City (Lebanon Opera House, AVA Gallery, UVMC, Lebanon School of Ballet, DHMC, Dana House, Scratch, Colburn Park)
- Invited speakers:
 - Nancy Pearson, Arts Speak Portsmouth
 - Lisa Burk McCoy & Cassandra Mason of the, New Hampshire State Council on the Arts
 - Trip Anderson, Executive Director of AVA Gallery and Arts Center
 - MariAnne Barthol, DHMC Therapeutic Arts
 - Shaun Mullholland, Lebanon City Manager

Addressing the Goals – Timely and Achievable

- Identifying and cataloging all of the arts and cultural opportunities in the City;
- Exploring the purpose, development, and implementation of an Arts and Cultural District in Lebanon and submitting a recommendation to the City Council;

Addressing the Goals – What We Learned

- Defining and exploring the intersection of the Art, Public Art, Economic Development, and Government in the City.
- The long road.
- Need time to further explore and define.
- Other like efforts took up to two years.

A MOTION was made by Robert Welsch to advance the initial language and policy recommendations contained in the powerpoint presentation.

The MOTION was seconded by Chip Brown.

***The vote on the MOTION passed unanimously (9-0).**

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

5. NEXT MEETING – TBA

6. OTHER BUSINESS: NONE

7. ADJOURNMENT:

A MOTION was made by Jessica Giordani to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm.

The MOTION was seconded by Susan Weber Valiante.

***The vote on the MOTION passed unanimously (9-0).**

Respectfully Submitted,

Stuart Kaufman
Recording Secretary