

## Minutes from 11/29/2021 Putnam Arts Council meeting

### 1. Call to order at 5:34 pm

Members present were Karen Osbrey, Laura Moorehead, Anthony Foronda, Jamie Soroka, Beth Johnston, Elaine Turner, David Sullivan, Kathy Dunton, and Julie Reid.

### 2. Approval of minutes – approved by David, seconded by Elaine.

3. Financials - no change since last month - \$1,200 from line item in town budget and \$376.10 in donations.

4. Marketing - Anthony is working on the permission/invitation aspect that MailChimp requires.

### 5. Communication with other groups

a. Trash cans - the eighth trash can is being painted and the ninth is going to be stripped for painting.

b. Art Guild Northeast is working on a mural for Black Pond Brewers new location.

### d. Public Art Projects

i. Permanent Sculpture Installation – we have a credit with Awards & Printing in Dayville so they will be making the plaque for the sculpture at the library.

ii. Municipal Complex Art Show - the current display, showcasing artists of the PAC, will be coming to end soon. Planned date is the end of December with some time between that show and the next. A long discussion was held on who should be considered for the next show as well as how we should solicit and choose future artists. Discussion included:

a. Should we focus on Putnam artists or go outside town? Overall, we agreed that we should concentrate on Putnam artists first. A popular suggestion was also made that we contact the schools for one of the exhibits every year. Laura will be reaching out to the Putnam school superintendent to start the discussion.

b. How do we solicit artists? We will focus on the artists we, as a group, currently know then start to reach out to other artists via email (including our own database email which should be up and running soon), advertisements, word-of-mouth, and social media. Elaine, as head of Art Guild Northeast has a lot of experience in how to reach artists. She and Beth also have forms which have been used for other shows. We will review these at our next meeting and come up with our own. Once we start getting in requests we, as a group, will review them and make our decisions on the sequence of artists, focusing on variety, quality, and appropriate subjects.

c. For the next exhibit David will reach out to David and Annie Joly. Both art Putnam residents and several in our group know their work.

d. More hangers will be ordered so that we will have enough when artists have smaller works than what are currently on display.

e. The posters for the first show fell off the wall several times. To solve that problem, since we are still waiting for floor stands which are on backorder, two wall cases will be ordered and

installed by the town for us to display our posters. That will make them easy to change out and less expensive to print.

iii. Airplane Sculpture - Karen continues to speak to the artist about the final location of the sculpture - will it stay where it is, will it be moved to another location in Putnam, or go to another town.

8. Old Business - none to report

9. New Business - none to report

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.