

Putnam Arts Council Meeting Minutes for July 25, 2022

1. Call to order at 5:35, in attendance Karen Osbrey, Julie Reed, David Sullivan, Beth Johnston, and Kathy Dunton.
2. Approval of minutes June 2022 - Motion by David to accept minutes as presented, seconded by Beth.
3. Financials/Invoices - Karen reported that the money from the town line item has been added to our account. There are no new invoices.
4. Marketing Update - no update.
5. Communication with other groups -
 - a. Trash cans - the last trash can will be delivered to the Tournadeau event on August 13 for a live painting. The mayor has suggested purchasing more trash cans so David will look into what is currently available that would match the current trash barrels which were purchased many years ago.
 - b. Other - the Art Guild will be holding a jewelry class at the town hall from October to September.
6. Public Art Projects
 - a. Permanent Sculpture Installation – Plaque Updates - the plaque for the Love Locks is in place and a second one listing the sponsors is on order!
 - b. Municipal Complex Art Show - Laura reported that Dot Burnworth's show is up and very popular. A request form has been submitted to the town for approval of a closing reception on Thursday, September 22 at 7:00 pm. The next artists to show will be Ann Rosebrooks and Diane Lange which will be the final show of 2022. For the start of 2023 we will probably do a short show of art from our Arts Council followed by a show of the students from Putnam schools. Discussion was held as to whether we should do just high school, high school and middle school, all grades, or Putnam Science Academy. More details can be worked out once school is back in session. After that show will be Jerry Ferguson for April-June 2023. Steve Veilleux has also submitted a request and Laura has spoken with a few other artists including Laura Tedeshi.
 - c. Love Locks Project with QCC - a locked box has been ordered to be installed at the Love Locks installation for people to throw their keys into once they have placed their locks on the frame.
 - d. Tournadeau Update – Saturday, August 13, 2:00-6:00 pm, six artists have been secured. Beth Johnston will write up a short piece about the art to add to the town's posting about the event.
 - e. Farmers Market Project Update - David reported he did not make it to the last town meeting to discuss what the final project might look like but plans on attending the next one which is the day following our meeting.

7. Old/New Business - Beth presented an outline for a possible art festival in Putnam in 2023 that she and David put together. Much discussion was held about the details - juried, costs, parking, hiring a festival director (Beth has spoken with the director of the Wickford Festival and he is willing to share his knowledge), permits/licenses, location, etc. Karen will present the outline to Willie Bousquet for his input and thoughts on if the idea is possible. A possible date was suggested - early June - which will not interfere with other art festivals in the area. Karen said that a sticking point might be the idea that it would be a 2-day festival as suggested by Beth and David. Beth said it is a lot of work for an artist to set up for only one day. More details will be discussed once Willie gives his input/initial approval.

8. Public Comments - none

9. Adjourn - Laura motioned to adjourn at 7:01, Julie seconded.