

Town of Putnam	
Arts Council – Meeting Minutes	
Meeting Room 112	
Monday, July 24, 2023, 5:30 PM	
Join Zoom Meeting: http://us06web.zoom.us/j/82586514907?pwd=Y3Njaj!XalZxaTZQK012WTICaDR6dz09	
	Chairman opened the meeting at 5:36pm
1. Roll Call	ECD Director Carly DeLuca, Chair David Sullivan, Vice-Chair Laura Moorehead, Karen Osbrey, Beth Johnston, Jamie Soroka, and Annie Joly. Absent: Anthony Foronda, Elaine Turner, and Julie Reid.
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes*	i. June 26th: Laura motioned to approve the meeting minutes of June 26th, as presented, seconded by Jamie, motion passed.
3. Reporting of Expenditures	Carly reported on the final tally of Putnam Fine Arts & Crafts Festival. She also noted the difference in the Arts Council line-item budget location.
4. New Business	i. Scholarships and Grants: Discussion ensued on criteria for scholarship applications. Laura suggested adding a question for what they may do outside of school hours. Annie informed the council that QVCC scholarship rounds usually start in January. Another suggestion was made to include an academic or personal recommendation. Carly added that the Sustainable CT Community Match Program would be good to explain on the grant application. ii. Sponsorship Tiers: Beth will give an update next meeting. iii. Northeast CT Pride: Group has decided to pursue an event for the Spring of 2024. The term “Putnam PRIDE” was used by the Police Department for prevention training. The group has been asked to come up with a different name that encompasses the area better. Northeast CT Pride was suggested.
5. Old Business	
	i. Walktober: announcement narrative was timely submitted to The Last Green Valley. ii. Corridor Gallery: Laura reported, reception for Steve Veilleaux was well received. Laura Tedeshi is scheduled as the next artist. The reception is scheduled for Saturday prior to Halloween. Laura suggested advertising receptions in the local Shopper’s Guide. Laura asked the council if we should keep the Arts Council showing for the first quarter. It was decided that we would open that to the public and may put Arts Council artwork up during the Festival. Laura asked if we should include the children’s art again, given the lack of audience. The Council decided they would not ask the school again for 2024. iv. Upcoming Shows: no update. v. Fine Arts & Crafts Festival Feedback: Beth added that she had received some survey responses. She will give a full summary report at the next meeting.
6. Public Participation	None
7. Adjournment*	Laura motioned to adjourn, seconded by Karen, ayes have it, motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm.