

Town of Putnam
Arts Council Meeting Agenda
Regularly Scheduled meeting on
Monday, September 23, 2024, at 5:30pm
In person at Putnam Municipal Complex, 200 School Street, Putnam, CT
Community Room 112 or
Join Via Zoom

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1. Roll Call:
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes – August 26, 2024*
3. Old Business:
 - I. Scholarships/Grants 2024
 - i. Town Crier Ad
 - II. Business Cards
 - III. Upcoming Events
 - i. Date Approval/Insurance
 - ii. Art Heist Dates
 - IV. Email List/Contact Server
4. New Business:
 - I. Next” Projects”
 - i. Bus Trip
 - ii. Bradley Seminars
 - II. Expiring Member Terms November 30th, 2024
 - i. Laura Moorehead and Beth Johnston
5. Corridor Gallery
 - I. Upcoming Shows
6. Public Participation:
7. Adjournment*

*Vote Required

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Chair Sullivan called the Meeting to order at 5:39pm.

1. Roll Call: Chair David Sullivan, Vice-chair Laura Moorehead, members Beth Johnston, Julie Reid, and via zoom member Elaine Turner.

Town Reps: ECD Administrative Assistant Jackie Lefevre, ECD Director Mary Ann Chinatti.

Absent: Members Carmine Angeloni

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2024*: Motion made by Vice-Chair Moorehead, seconded by Member Johnston, to include a correction in Old Business section I “in lieu of merging artists, it should read emerging artists”, to approve the minutes of July 22, 2024, motion carried.

A motion made by Vice-Chair Moorehead, to move Agenda item V, under New Business, to this point in agenda in the event the potential new council member needs to leave early, seconded by Member Johnson, motion carried. Oliver Ian Williamson was present as a potential new council member. He shared he moved to Putnam, 4 years ago and he explained his interest in joining the council. He described himself as a musician and writer; and is currently involved in the Bradley Theatre.

3. Old Business:

I. Scholarships/Grants 2024: Included in the agenda packet were two applications. Each application was reviewed. Each would be launched as fillable adobe documents and advertised via social media. Additionally, posters could be made to display at locations such as Quinebaug Community College and storefronts Downtown Putnam. Consensus: award \$ 500 for one scholarship and one grant; eliminate question # 1 of the grant application which asks, “Are you a Putnam resident?” The following dates were agreed to for both applications: a submittal deadline of November 30, 2024; award date of December 23rd and funding provided early January 2025. Both applications require the addition of contact information, applicants’ phone, address and email address. Vice Chair Moorehead to create poster, contact Putnam Town Crier for ad, and advertise on social media, and in the Vanilla Bean news. It was noted that the possibility of changing the December meeting date to Monday, December 16, 2024, should be considered at the November meeting due to the regular meeting falling so close to the Christmas holiday. This will be placed on the November 2024 agenda.

4. New Business:

I. Arts and Crafts Festival 2025: A show of hands provided majority to move forward with a 2025 festival. A motion made by member Turner, seconded by member Johnson for the dates of 2025 Arts Festival to be Saturday, June 21st and Sunday, June 22nd motion passed. Jackie to place dates on the 2025 events schedule agenda item of Board of Selectmen for approval. The chair brought forth the idea of holding “brainstorming” team gatherings; whereby detailed items for the 2025 Festival can be shared and recommendations can be brought to the regular Arts Council Meetings for discussion and votes.

II. Next Projects:

i. Bus Trip: VC Moorehead shared a list of various art museums within the New England area. She added the New Britain Museum of Arts to the list. Discussion ensued on transportation. In the past, Rukstella Charter, a bus company, was utilized for trips. The company is believed to be out of business due to the failed contact attempts. Other transportation will be researched. Quinebaug Valley Community College will be contacted to inquire as to what company they use for bus trips.

ii. Art Heist 2025: last year’s event was successful! Motion by member Johnston to hold Art Heist 2025 on Saturday, March 9, 2025, seconded by VP Moorehead motion passed. Comments were made on looking into a different venue and the cost of refreshments. Chair Sullivan reiterated this type of discussion could be brought up at “brainstorming” team gatherings. Jackie to ensure this event gets added to the Board of Selectmen agenda for approval also.

iii. Other: discussions were brought forward on: partnering with the Bradley Theatre, Putnam Historical Society on projects; repairing the stairway art on the stairs that lead from municipal parking lot up to Centreville Bank – have a plaque made to honor the deceased painter of that stairway art, Butterfly-Wings n Wine event, VC Moorehead/Chair Sullivan to check with Danielle, owner of Two Gold Moons if she plans to move forward with the event at a future date.

III. Business Cards: VC Moorehead designed the Arts Council business card. A sample was included in the agenda packet. The majority agreed with the design. Cards will be printed and provided to each member to pass out and provide contact information of the Arts Council.

IV. Email List/Contact Server: Chair Sullivan reported on the various email service providers. Brevo, Mail Chimp and Constant Contact. He provided various points on each email service. In conclusion, Brevo, a free service, was recommended. VC Moorehead motioned to approve Brevo, seconded by member Johnston to move forward using Brevo.

Chair Sullivan left meeting at 6:35pm

5.. Corridor Gallery:

i. Upcoming Shows: current is 5 Senses of Women, the display comes down September 30th. Next artist Jonathan Fritz will display the last quarter of 2024. The first quarter of 2025 is Tabitha Cummings with Fantasy Art. Second Quarter is Northeast CT Art Guild featuring a variety of artists; third quarter hasn't been chosen yet, it may be Carmine Angeloni with photography or Jean McNally with watercolors. VC Moorehead shared a thought came forth to host a reunion show, allowing past participants to display 2 of their favorite art pieces. A question arose as to whether or not quarterly is sufficient to display or should shorter time span be considered? Quarterly seems to work best for now inline with the number of requests.

6. Public Participation: Oliver Ian Williamson, Putnam resident, spoke further about his move to Putnam, and his interests in becoming a council member and assisting the community in the capacity of an arts council member.

6. Adjournment: * member Johnston motioned to adjourn, seconded by member Turner, motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 6:50 pm.

*Vote Required

Respectfully submitted by Jackie Lefevre