

Town of Putnam
Arts Council Meeting Minutes
The Putnam Arts Council held a Regular meeting on
Monday, October 28, 2024, at 5:30pm
In person at Putnam Municipal Complex, 200 School Street, Putnam, CT
Community Room 112
or via Zoom at

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Chair Sullivan called the Meeting to order at 5:40 pm.
Internet connection was lost at the beginning of meeting.

1. Roll Call: Chair David Sullivan, Vice-chair Laura Moorehead, members Beth Johnston, Carmine Angeloni, and Oliver Ian Williamson.

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

Absent: Members: Julie Reid, and Elaine Turner.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2024*: Motion made by Vice-Chair Moorehead, to approve the September meeting minutes, as presented, seconded by Member Angeloni, motion carried.

3. Old Business:

I. Scholarships/Grants 2024: Chair Sullivan reported, to date, 1 grant application and no scholarship applications have been received. AA Lefevre to email scholarship information to Principal Heather Taylor at Putnam High School.

II. Business Cards: No update

III. Art Heist

- i. Date Approval / Insurance: Date of Saturday, March 08, 2025 was approved by Board of Selectmen at their Monday, October 21, 2024, meeting. A current insurance certificate has been provided to the building owner of 112 Main Street, where the event will be held. Member Johnston provided a brief explanation to new member Williamson on how the Art Heist works. An email from Elaine Turner was shared regarding her availability and participation in the Art Heist. Elaine can hang art at Jewett City Savings Bank, Arts and Framing, and the Courthouse Restaurant. She will not be in town during the date of the event unable to assist with take-down and set up.

- ii. Starting & Deadline Dates VC Moorehead and member Johnston to coordinate on the starting/deadline dates from last year's heist, regarding the call and report back to the Council next month.

IV. Email List/Contact Server: Chair Sullivan pulling list together

V. Bus Trip: An updated listing of museums was reviewed, consensus to focus on a trip to the Isabella Stewart Gardener Museum in Boston in spring. The consensus agreed to focus on Sunday, April 6, 2025, tentatively leaving Putnam at 10 am return 5 or 6pm, depending on the actual times a bus is available that matches the hours of the museum. VC Moorehead to find out if the museum honors reservations and receives payment at the door. Chair Sullivan to gather information on bus availability and pricing.

VI. Bradley:

- i. Seminars: Upon discussion, it was agreed to come back to this within a month or two.
- ii. Flex Passes: Member Johnston shared how the Flex passes would work. They could be used as an incentive to get Artists to donate works to the Art Heist, and for participation in the 2025 Arts Festival, utilized for a raffle, or a couple could be placed in the runner-up basket at the Arts Heist.

VII. Public Art in Putnam: EDC Director walked the Downtown area with former PBA coordinator Sheila Frost. They passed each spot where there once was a tree. Public Art may be utilized in lieu of trees; however, August and March still want a tree in front of its business.

VIII. Expiring Member Terms November 30, 2024

- i. Laura Moorhead and Beth Johnston: Both were reappointed at the October 7, 2024, Board of Selectmen meeting and both have been sworn in.

4. New Business:

I. Arts and Crafts Festival 2025: Next meeting set date for call for artists. Chair Sullivan shared Café will charge \$ 250 pr. call, \$ 120 for annual subscription renewal. Annual website domain subscription will be \$ 370.

- i. Planning Group: to be discussed at future meeting.
- ii. Sponsorships: Chair Sullivan to reach out to Putnam Area Foundation and Sawmill Pottery, member Johnston to reach out to the NECT Art Guild and Member Angeloni to reach out to the Byrnes Agency. A motion made by member Angeloni, to keep sponsorship dollar amount levels and description of what sponsors will receive for their sponsorships, the same as last year seconded by member Johnston, motion carried.
- iii. Changes from last year:
- iv. 2025 Meeting Schedule: * the 2025 Schedule of Meetings was presented in the agenda package. A motion made by VC Moorehead, seconded by member Johnston to approve the schedule of meetings, as presented, noting the board will meet on Tuesday evening in May due to Memorial Day falling on the fourth Monday in 2025, motion carried.

Vice Chair Moorhead left the meeting at 6:30 pm.

5.. Corridor Gallery:

- i. Upcoming Shows: Jonathan Fritz's reception, although nice, wasn't well attended. The Northeast CT Arts Guild will be featured January to March 2025; Tabitha Cummings-Fantasy Art – April to June 2025; Jean McNally Oils/watercolors from July to September; and Carmine Angeloni Photography from October to December 2025.

6. Public Participation; None

6. Adjournment: *: Member Johnston motioned to adjourn, seconded by member Angeloni, motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 6:43 pm.

*Vote Required

Respectfully submitted by Jackie Lefevre