



Art-Speak
CITY OF PORTSMOUTH | CULTURAL COMMISSION
August 16, 2010 Board Meeting
Meeting Notes

In Attendance:

Robin Albert
Diane Cabell
Meganne Fabrega
Molly Ferrara
Russell Grazier
Chris Greiner
Steve McHenry
Peter Michaud
Jody Record
Liz Wright

Absent:

Tom Cocchiaro
Anna Nuttall
Christine Penney
Leanne Spees
Sarah Haskell

Also:

Sue Cobler

Steve McHenry began the meeting at 6:35pm.

1. **Introduction of New Board Member** – Liz Wright of Fa La Lo, professor at Rivier College.
2. **Review of Minutes**
Chris Greiner made a motion to approve the July 26 minutes with the correction some minor typographical errors.
3. **Treasurer's Report**
Molly Ferrara reported that the 2010 year-end budget is still not finalized, but that is in process. July income was \$26,274.19. July expenses totaled \$11,690.61. Treasurer's report was unanimously approved.
4. **Board Resolution for NHSCA contract**
This contract allows Art-Speak to act as the fiscal agent for a particular NHSCA fund. This is exactly what we did last year on their behalf. Steve McHenry made a motion to approve that Sue Cobler is authorized on behalf of NHSCA to enter into contracts with the State of New Hampshire and to execute any and all documents, agreements and other instruments, and any amendments, revisions, or modifications thereto, as she may deem necessary, desirable or appropriate. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.



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5. Input for Board Annual Planning Session

After discussion it was decided that we will meet on Thursday, September 16, from 6-9pm at a location TBD. Chris Greiner will look into a donation of pizza from Flatbread.

6. Committee Reports

a. Overnight Art

- i. Chris Greiner reported that the artists were notified that the Art-Speak will be returning the artworks to the artists at the end of the exhibition, with the exception of Jeanne Givens' piece, which A-S will try to make a part of the City's permanent public art collection.

b. Public Art

- i. Sue Cobler reported that the Public Art will appoint a Public Art Acquisition Committee by the end of the month.
- ii. Sue reported that the meeting of the Middle School Joint Building Committee on August 11 was successful – the JBC will be establishing a working committee to include representatives from the architects, Art-Speak, and the school board.

c. AFTA Art & Economic Prosperity Study

- i. Sue Cobler reported that the preparations for this study will begin this September with a contract signed with AFTA committing us to this project. Jane James is still working to get the \$5,000 fee waived.

7. Additions to the Agenda

- a. **Outreach Grant** – Russ Grazier reported that Anna Nuttall will be meeting with Seacoast Local to begin the H(eat) grant planning project.
- b. **NHCF Grant** – Sue Cobler reported that our grant request was not accepted.

8. Review of New Action Items

9. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm.

Meeting notes taken by Chris Greiner, Secretary.



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Art-Speak, City Cultural Commission Board of Directors (alpha order)

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Liz Wright
Nancy Carmer, *Ex Officio*
John Bohenko, *Ex Officio*