

Amesbury Cultural Council Meeting

September 6, 2011 7pm

Amesbury Cultural Center-37 Millyard

Members Present: Pam Gilday, David Andrew, Nate Cordova, Bob Laplante, Leah Hill, Rachel Kohn, Allison McGonagle and Mary Hichborn and Carley Monell

Also Attending: AnnMary Connors & Jeff Briggs

1. Jeff Briggs Sculpture

- AnnMary Connors-Amesbury Council on Aging, will be the link between the Town and the sculpture. Kendra Amaral, former Chief of Staff for mayor was previous liaison
- \$250,000 campaign for furnishing the new senior center
- Sculpture to be part of the transportation center, town working to pay for entire cost of the sculpture.
- To finish sculpture, 1 option is bronze, which is about \$20,000
- What structure will the sculpture be put in to?
- The original budget was \$9000 for aluminum casting, this was 10 years ago in the contest
- Originally, the sculpture was to be in a structure with lighting and a roof, the structure has now become smaller, with no roof or lights or will it be put in the seating area or the newest proposal- new the future carriage museum near the parking garage and footbridge. This last option would be in the location of walking traffic as opposed to driving traffic, facing south because it is a relief statue, to get daylight. There is no proposed lighting for the sculpture. Could reposition a light post closer to the statue, with the seating facing the statue.
- Wouldn't want the sculpture to be mounted on the building as the bronze is too heavy.
- What would be on the other side of the statue? Mural? Donate a brick? Bike rack?
- Other possible materials for sculpture:
 - Aluminum: Needs to be painted and maintained
 - GFRC: Modified cement
- Size of sculpture: 12' x 4'
- Currently \$3500 from ACC, town is not asking for this
- \$9000, if aluminum \$5000, installation \$4000=\$0
- So far, Jeff has received \$6000
- Right now, just asking the architect to incorporate sculpture in to the documents will cost \$7000
- Jeff has produced multiple plans, does Jeff have invoices for this additional work? Is he in receipt of the original approval letter? Jeff to write a status letter
- Jeff proposed original to go to the carriage museum, AnnMary wants a house for the original
- Will take about a year to cast, starting in the fall (done to save \$)
- COA moving in spring 2012
- Possibly August, the sculpture installed with its own dedication
- How to support? "Like" the COA on facebook, spread the word for the capital campaign

2. Chain Bridge Collection

- The exhibit is up at the Custom House Museum
- Mary has posters to be hung

- Leah spoke with McInnis Auctioneers, John can review and give verbal information, a written appraisal costs money (possibly \$200??) We will tell to do just the verbal and go from there
- Carley-is the collection insured? No.

3. Treasurer's Report

- Since the August meeting:
 - Henry Lappen voucher for \$200 processed
 - Newburyport Literary Festival- submitted a voucher for more than the approved grant. Voucher processed for \$150.00 the approved amount.vouchered for more than we granted
 - On Stage voucher for \$350 processed
 - Amesbury Elementary School School \$252 art trip waiting on documentation requested from Billie McLane
- Scheduled September meeting with Town Financial Department to discuss preparation of LCC Financial Account Form.
- Future meeting in October, to discuss the grant process, review rules, updated LCC guidelines, Pam attending the workshop
- Received calls from Henry Bruno requesting a copy of the check he received for his grant. Town Treasurer's Office to research and send him the requested copy.

4. Studio Tour

- Rachel- have we received any studio tour applications? Due Sept. 30
- Mary sending newspaper announcement
- For the raffle, we would request gift certificates, then they can be mailed out. How to distribute? If there are gift baskets, then winner to pick up at the businesses, which will create more foot traffic, increased traffic for the stores
- Pam contacted DPW re. tables, how many do we want?
- Need to ask Marc about the signage
- Website www.amesburystudiotour.com
- In gmail account, make sure to comment, check off, etc
- Rachel-needs help with the brochure-making the brochure and keeping track of the artists
- Brochure to the printers mid October
- Allison to compile the artist information
- Check with Marc re. images
- Who is coordinating the musicians? Just include schedule on website. Is Paul helping with the website? Pam will contact?

5. Other Business

Leah questioned the verbiage on our MCC page, need to review our guidelines

Pam motioned to adjourn. Bob seconded. Vote on motion 9-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:05.

Submitted by Leah T. Hill

