

Cape Elizabeth Arts Commission  
DRAFT Minutes for Regular Meeting  
November 8, 2011

The November 2011 meeting of the Cape Elizabeth Arts Commission was held on November 8, 2011. Present were Doug McFadd, Chair, , Wendy Seltzer, Secretary, Chris Gebhart, Treasurer, Sheila Casey, Curator of Town-Owned Art, Julia Bassett Schwerin, Gallery Manager , and Jay Scherma, CEAC Liaison.

Doug informed the group that Genesta had resigned.

Wendy submitted the Secretary's Report, which was approved.

Chris submitted the Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$840.25, after reimbursements paid out to Mary and Genesta for Labor Day Art Show expenses, which was approved.

Julia presented a gallery application for January 2012, from Deborah Barlow, and from YES Artworks for a date to be determined, which were both approved.

Doug presented a grant application from Janice Reale, requesting funds for a photography project that involves following the Jordan Flower Stand through a full season, which was approved for \$500.00.

Sheila presented the completed Town-Owned Art inventory project. She will give the binder and CDs to Mike McGovern.

Jay presented the motion from the Town Council Workshop, proposing that the CEAC be disbanded. Commission members voted to propose that the CEAC remain active until 12/31/11, in order to wrap up unfinished business.

See language below:

Dear Mike McGovern and Cape Elizabeth Town Council,

While we at the CEAC are saddened to hear of your decision to disband our Commission we trust in your wisdom to do the best for our town. The Council's vision for a "citizen group" has been embraced by several members of the CEAC including myself and others are thinking the matter over still. We appreciate the opportunity given us to have a dialog with the Town Manager's office and to that end the CEAC agreed at our November 8 meeting to request the disbandment be schedule for year end, December 31st. Commission members interested in the formation of a citizen group intend to use the time forming a mission statement, tying up loose ends and fulfilling pending commitments. Therefore we at the CEAC ask that the Draft Motion read to the effect:

*Draft Motion: The Cape Elizabeth Town Council hereby disbands the appointed Arts Commission as an official town board **effective December 31st, 2011**. The Cape Elizabeth Town Council encourages the creation of a citizen group to promote the arts in our community. The Town Council entertains a recommended allocation in the manager's proposed budget to help support the successor group. The town manager shall reach out to the current members of the Arts Commission to continue support for the arts during the period of transition to the new group and may provide previously appropriated funds to carry out activities during the transition period.*

Thank you for your backing and advocacy throughout the years and we believe this transition heralds a new beginning for the support and promotion of Artists and their vision for the Cape Elizabeth community.

Douglas McFadd, Chair CEAC

Doug proposed that the library membership to Portland Museum of Art be renewed for \$250.00, which was approved.

The next meeting of the CEAC is December 13, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wendy Seltzer, Secretary