

Easthampton Cultural Council - Minutes for August 18, 2020

Attendance: Lauren Ostberg, Casey Douglass, Louise Jacob, Tracie Butler-Kurth, Peter Nelson, Rachel Phillips, Sean Casey

1. Public Speak

Casey suggested working with BDIC to coordinate arts and business in Easthampton. He noted that the arts helps drive business; Bear Fest was Apollo Grill's best summer. Rachel noted that many of the Bear Fest projects were funded by ECC.

Rachel noted that we are now officially the Easthampton Cultural Council.

2. Approval of July minutes

Lauren moves to approve; Casey seconds.

3. Review liaison/grantee contact/call for art/community input

We discussed reassigning some projects to new committee members.

4. Community input survey/local priorities; revised timeline

Rachel encouraged us to send survey to Easthampton-resident liaisons.

So far 70 responses to our community input survey.

All Cultural Council scheduling for the next round will be pushed back a month.

We discussed holding our fall application workshop online, and the different options: Zoom, Facebook Live.

5. Public art

A call for art is on our website. Some submissions have been received.

We discussed the logistics and liability issues of public art installations.

Public art will be in demand due to the pandemic.

6. New members -

7. New business

City Council accepted our new administrative code.

Our next meeting will be September 15, 2020, 6:30 - the third Tuesday of the month.