

Freeport Arts and Cultural Alliance
Minutes of Steering Committee Meeting of October 7, 2015, Freeport Town Hall

The meeting came to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Keith McBride, Ellen Ebert, Scott Miller, Betsy Roper, and Jane Bradley.

Jane moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 6, 2015. The motion was seconded by Keith and was passed without opposition.

The members discussed the lack of attendees at the meeting and whether it was indicative of a loss of momentum in the effort or possibly insufficient notice of the rescheduled meeting. It was agreed that upcoming meetings would probably shed more light on whether low attendance would continue to be a problem.

Keith presented a written report of the organizational committee's meeting of August 19th recommending certain changes in the by-laws, including reducing the maximum allowable number of directors from 20 to 13.

Elizabeth Guffey's July 2nd written report of the Arts Information Hub/ Kiosk working Group was also reviewed. Jane reported that the FACA Bank Account has been set up at Bath Savings and that The Players Board has officially authorized a contribution of \$1000 to FACA. Keith reported that FEDC will also be contributing \$1000 to FACA. Scott indicated the possible contribution of \$500 from the Freeport Chorus to FACA once a written request is provided. It was agreed that once the funds were all deposited, they should be made available for the RFP process described by Elizabeth in her report regarding the development of a virtual kiosk.

Betsy and Ellen discussed possible locations for a physical kiosk. One reasonable location would be at Bow Street Market. Ellen offered to talk to Sheila Nappi to see if Bow Street Market would be willing to be the site of a physical kiosk.

Jane raised the issue of whether the kiosk concept could be effected also through a calendar of arts and cultural events in the Tri-Town Newspaper, perhaps by way of a separate insert in the paper. Betsy will inquire as to the feasibility and cost of such an insert.

The group inquired of Keith whether the Location Committee had any new information or ideas as sites for an arts and cultural center. Group discussed the possible appeal of the Grange Hall in the event something of that nature should become available. Keith further noted that he had received notice of other possible sites from Gar Roper. He has been reviewing these suggestions as they come in.

The next meeting will be held on November 4th at 7:00 p.m. Keith will contact the Freeport Library to see if we can reserve the meeting room for that evening.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jane Bradley. Approved 11/4/15.