

## **Town of Stowe Arts and Culture Council**

**Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 9 am.**

**Akeley Hall, Stowe, Vermont and Online**

### **MEETING AGENDA**

Rachel Moore called the meeting to order at 9:03.

PRESENT: Rachel Moore, Loren Polk, Aimee Green, Carrie Simmons, Don Jones, Seth Soloway.

### **Visitors and Public Comments.**

The Council was joined by Nancy Jeffries Dwyer, representing Chamber Music Stowe and the Stowe Community Church Youth Theater Program. Chamber Music Stowe will be offering a July 13th program under the direction of Jia Kim. The Community Church Youth will be producing Frozen this December.

The Council was also joined by Tanya Kateri, representing Stowe Theater Guild, Friends of the Stowe Free Library, Stowe Vibrancy, and Toastmasters.

Finally, the Council was joined by Barbara Beraw of the Stowe Historical Society. The Historical Society has been approved to add a member to the SACC and Barbara

Nancy asked how organizations in the community can support SACC and Rachel suggested participating in meetings, calling the organization's attention to arts and culture events in the community, and possibly participating in subcommittee meetings. When any activities can be shared, they should be sent to Aimee Green, the social media coordinator for the Council.

### **Committee Updates:**

Rachel started by discussing the standing dates for each subcommittee so that they can be posted and warned publicly.

- Don proposed the strategic research committee (Don, Seth, Beth) meet the third Thursday of each month at 11 am at The Brass Lantern Inn.
- Rachel proposed the Town Plan Committee (Barbara, Rachel, Aimee, Carrie) meet the fourth Wednesday of each month at 9 am at The Current.
- The Education Committee (Seth, Aimee) will meet on the 16th at 1 pm. Additional meeting dates will be determined after this meeting.

### **Stowe Arts Week.**

Rachel reported that the SACC will offer a Stowe Arts Week as opposed to an entire summer promotion, and will advertise organizations that offer activities throughout the summer. The Current art exhibit "Exposed" will open June 22nd, and it was confirmed that "Sound of Music" will start on June 20th as well. Additional events and date ranges were discussed. Aimee suggested polling organizations for activities during the end of June and July. Loren suggested with a limited number of beginning participants and robust programming through the summer, switching to Stowe Arts Summer might allow for bookend dates and a thorough list of organizations that provide arts and culture summer events. Additional discussion of social media and website development, as well as a marketing budget were discussed.

Rachel and Aimee reported they would discuss the idea of addressing a definition of arts and culture at the education committee meeting.

### **Approval of Minutes.**

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December minutes were not available at this time. February minutes passed as written.

### **New Business**

Term Limits per Selectboard.

Current one-year term limits were discussed and the Selectboard request to change to 3-year terms. Rachel and Loren explained the need to establish 3 positions in each year to require reappointment. Loren asked for an overview of the standing organizational appointments, and the development and history of SACC was discussed. Loren proposed each year's appointments be divided amongst organizations and at-large members. The value of at-large and organization appointed seats were discussed.

2025:

1. The Current
2. VACANT, At-Large
3. Beth

2026:

1. Spruce Peak Arts
2. Stowe Area Association
3. Don Jones, At Large

2027:

1. Stowe Performing Arts
2. Stowe Historical Society
3. Aimee Green, At Large

### **Website Maintenance**

Mort briefly discussed the website information and subscription information. Don will be managing the website and Loren will manage the domain subscriptions moving forward.

### **Other Discussion**

Mort was recognized for her time on the Council, and her contributions to the community.

Meeting adjourned. The SACC will meet next on Wednesday, May 8.