

**Hallowell Arts and Cultural Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, April 22, 2020, 6:00-7:00 PM via Zoom**

**Minutes**

Present: Deb Fahy (Chair), Jonathan French (Secretary), Bob McIntire, Richard Bostwick, Annemarie Kromhout, Nancy McGinnis, Helene Farrar, Matt Morrill, Kelly Byron, Dick Alden, Andreas Von Huene, Norman Casas

**A. Granite Symposium with Maine Stone Workers Guild**

The Committee discussed the ongoing planning of the Symposium at Stevens Commons with members of the Maine Stone Workers Guild.

1. Decision to continue Symposium or reschedule

- After discussion, it was decided to keep the event dates the same, though the event would be scaled down due to a limited budget and also made safe for all participants given COVID-19 concerns.
- The Committee would need at least 10 weeks to advertise the Symposium, making July 1 the latest date that it could be cancelled.
- Helene Farrar made a motion to continue planning the Granite Symposium as scheduled in September, and to make a final decision whether to continue holding the event as planned or not, at the June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. The motion was seconded by Richard Bostwick and passed unanimously.

2. Budget

The Symposium has funding from the following sources:

- \$10,000 Maine 200 Grant
- \$1500 from the Maine Stone Workers Guild (with \$500 for education programs)

3. Granite Sourcing

- Granite would need to be in-kind donations with sources being the stockpile at the Res and possibly at the University of Maine at Augusta (UMA)
- A group of Committee members and Guild members will need to view the different granite sources at a later date.

#### 4. Equipment and Facilities

- The Guild will ask Kennebec Tool Rental to donate equipment, though there will be a \$500 fuel cost.
- The City of Hallowell will be asked to help move granite, and Guild member Dan Ucci is willing to provide his boom truck to use. With donations and the assistance noted, equipment costs could be reduced to \$1500.
- Matt Morrill agreed that Stevens Commons could provide water and tool storage, as well as a wash station and restroom facilities for the artists, with portable toilets for the general public.

#### 5. Other Logistics

- It was decided by the Committee and the Guild that the times of the event would be 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM each day.
- If public gathering restrictions continued, the event could be streamed online.
- Teaser videos leading up to the event would be a possibility with educational information, interviews of artists. Helene Farrar volunteered to conduct interviews.
- The Guild will also provide an educational exhibit during the Symposium.
- The Hallowell Arts webpage will be used to advertise the event, with pictures and biographies of the artists available. Deb Fahy volunteered to set up the site and Dick Alden will provide the list of artists with photos and biography information.
- Deb has connected with Robert Katz at UMA and with the dormitory on site, the students should have an opportunity to be involved with the Symposium.

#### **B. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will be on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM via Zoom.

Committee members were asked to submit agenda items to Deb before the meeting.

Submitted by Jonathan French, Secretary