



**LEBANON ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION
OCTOBER 22, 2024 - 6:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL OR
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- 1. Call to Order**
 - 2. Approval of Minutes**
 - A. Approval of Minutes 9-24-24
 - 3. Other Business**
 - A. Roundabout Art Work
 - B. Poetry Stamps
 - C. Full Moon Fiesta Ice Sculpture
 - D. Remaining Budget Ideas
 - E. Tunnel Art
 - 4. Committee Reports**
 - 5. Open to the Public**
 - 6. Adjournment**

The order of agenda items is subject to change.

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**CITY OF LEBANON
ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION
MINUTES September 24, 2024
City Hall Council Chambers & LebanonNH.gov/Live
6:30PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: (4/7) **Jessica Giordani** (Chair; Citizen Rep Ward 2)
 Devin Wilkie (City Council, Heritage Commission & DEI Rep)
 Ben Van Vliet (Arts Org. Rep-UMVC)
 Claire Geno (Alternate)

MEMBERS ABSENT: (3/7) **Nick Gaffney** (Vice Chair; Citizen Rep Ward 3,)
 Brian Cook (Arts Org. Rep-LOH)
 Stevens Blanchard (Ward 1 Citizen Rep)

STAFF PRESENT: (1) **Kristine Flythe** (Program Coordinator, Leb. Rec)

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2 **1. CALL TO ORDER**
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4 Chair Giordani called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

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6 Kristine Flythe gave the RSA 91-A announcement.

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8 Clair Geno was given voting privileges for this meeting.
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10 **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES July 23, 2024**
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12 *Devin Wilkie MOVED to approve the July 23, 2024, Minutes, as presented in the packet.*
13 *Seconded by Jessica Giordani.*

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15 **The Motion was approved (3-0-1).*
16 *Devin Wilkie abstained because he did not attend the meeting.*
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18 **The order of the meeting was changed. A member of the Public came before the Commission to**
19 **read her poems that won the Poetry Contest.**
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21 **3. OTHER BUSINESS**
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23 **A. TUNNEL ART (Progress & Heritage Commission Review)**
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25 Patchwork is complete in the tunnel. It is a large mural, and it was completed quickly. The interactive
26 mural is ready, and the artist is working on how to fasten it to the wall. Julio is adding to his work. All
27 the other artists are working on their murals, and it is interesting to watch the installations, as they all
28 have a different process. Some of the mural locations are being switched due to size constraints. The
29 Lebanon Middle School and High School expressed interest in working on a mural as part of their
30 curriculums. It will take longer to complete the mural during the school year. By summer all the murals
31 will be complete, and no further murals will be created until the bridge work is complete. The City
32 Manager will be asked to encumber the mural funds to allow the mural completions by next summer, the
33 next budget year.
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1 The Commission discussed if there will be additional compensation if a mural is expanded. If the City
2 Manager agrees, the Commission will offer additional money to the artists who are expanding their work.
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4 The Heritage Commission used the same parameters that the Commission provided earlier, to judge mural
5 submissions. Their mural addresses the history of transportation in Lebanon. The Heritage Commission
6 had multiple proposals and selected a winner from the many submissions. The Heritage Commission
7 selected a piece, but the Commission still needs to provide approval.
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9 ***Ben Van Vliet Moved to approve The Heritage Commission proposal for artwork in the tunnel.***
10 ***Seconded by Devin Wilkie.***
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12 ****The Motion was approved (4-0).***
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14 **B. POETRY CONTEST**

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16 Raeka Mikecz, a school age author, and winner of the poetry contest came before the Commission to read
17 her poems. She read her two winning poems to the Members. The poems should be in the sidewalks by
18 next year.
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20 In addition, two other winning poems of Billy Bettner and Michelle Davis, were selected during the
21 contest and will be in the sidewalks next year. The authors were unable to attend the meeting tonight.
22 The Commission thanked everyone who submitted poems to the contest. They have a total of 4 poems to
23 be installed next year.
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25 **4. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

26 **A. HERITAGE COMMISSION, DEI, CITY COUNCIL**

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29 Aside from the Tunnel Art update, there is not much news. Heritage has been discussing interpretive
30 signage to go along the greenways.
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32 **B. ARTS ORGANIZATIONS (AVA, LOH, UVMC, OTHERS)**

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34 UVMC is embarking on the 30th anniversary year and upcoming celebrations. One will take place at the
35 LOH in March. There will be a large sing and play festival next May. Over the summer UVMC
36 conducted a project with the school band directors from Lebanon, Hanover, and Hartford high schools. It
37 helped people get together to make music and keep their practice going during the summer. The student
38 musicians performed at Nexus and the experience was enjoyed by all. The participants believe this
39 helped make the music programs stronger within the schools. UVMC is already thinking about the
40 Holiday Music Festival.
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42 AVA has not been able to paint the covers for the fountains this year. They were unable to get them
43 painted in time because DPW decided to put the covers up sooner than anticipated. Next year they will
44 try again.
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46 The Recreation Department is trying to get involved with the Upper Valley Arts Alliance. It will take
47 time to grow. The Alliance involves more than just New Hampshire organizations. It is actually a
48 relaunch of the Arts Alliance, and it is being brought back by the Upper Valley Business Alliance. They
49 hope to draw attention to the variety of Arts within the community. And to promote free, low cost, and
50 accessible events to help communicate that art is for everyone in the community.
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52 The Halloween festival is October 26, 2024, brought by the Recreation Department in Colburn Park. Leb
53 Fest was last Saturday. 'Tis the Season' will be on December 7, 2024. A Winter Farmers Market is
54 beginning in November and running through February. It will be every other week, hosted at the
55 Powerhouse Mall. It should be accessible to people no matter what the weather.

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2 The last three Arts & Culture meetings of the year were shifted one week earlier to accommodate the
3 holidays. The members are discussing the number of meetings they will hold next year. It may be better
4 to have fewer meetings to achieve better attendance.
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6 There is still around \$7325 available from this year's budget. The stamps for the new poems, around
7 \$2500, will come out of that amount. The members were asked to give some thought to what can be done
8 with the funds that will provide a benefit the community.
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10 **5. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**
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12 No comments.
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14 **6. ADJOURNMENT**
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16 *Chair Giordani Adjourned the meeting at 7:13 PM.*
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18 Respectfully submitted,
19 Linda Billings
20 Recording Secretary





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