

## **Brewer Arts & Culture Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** 1/27/2025

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Location:** Brewer City Hall

### **I. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by Tammy Lunn at 6:00 PM.

### **II. Roll call**

**Members Present:** Eric Glidden, Kathleen Kramer, Steve Wong, Mandy Oullette-Clark, Ann Colson, Susan Xirinachs, City Council Liaison Michele LaBree Daniels, Lee Ohmart, Edner Pelkey Fago, Joy Sinclair, D'arcy Main-Boyington

### **III. Old business**

1. Adoption of November 18 Meeting Minutes
  - a. Motion: Joy moved to adopt the December 16 meeting minutes
  - b. Second: Mandy seconded the motion
  - c. The motion passed unanimously

### **IV. New business**

1. Update on Riverwalk Festival
  - i. D'Arcy updated us on the need for day-of volunteers for the Riverwalk Festival, and the requests for donations, raffle items, etc.
  - ii. The need for committee chairs and the need to expand committees to more than one member was expressed. The aim for the Economic Development office is to have members on the BCAC join committees.
  - iii. The suggestion was made to have the Riverwalk Festival page post on the Brewer Neighborhood Watch group. Joy has posted and pinned the post relaying the information that large numbers of volunteers are needed. The City of Brewer Economic Development website and the Riverwalk Festival Facebook Event page are linked in the post. She could not tag the City page or the Riverwalk Festival Page directly, even though she follows both pages. This could be a Meta issue, or the two Facebook pages may have disallowed tagging.
  - iv. Questions were raised about media sponsorships and how the event is being marketed, and the issue was raised about finding out
  - v. A suggestion was raised that the BCAC create a subcommittee of less than 5 members who can participate in the daytime meetings that the Riverwalk Festival committee holds.
  - vi. D'Arcy further discussed the need to remove the bulk of the Riverwalk Festival from the Economic Development office's workload and the hope that the BCAC could interact with the Riverwalk Festival committee.
- b. Motion to form a subcommittee to assist the Riverwalk Festival
  - i. Kathleen made a motion

- ii. Mandy seconded the motion
  - iii. The motion passes
- c. Tammy Lunn, Edner Pelkey Fago, and Mandy all expressed interest in joining the subcommittee, in addition to Steve and Ann (who are already on the committee)
  - i. The next meeting is February 5th at 10:00 a.m. at the Next Generation Theater
- d. Further discussion was had about reaching out to area businesses for fundraising and sponsorships.
- 2. March member appointment and election of officers for 2025-2026
  - a. Joy will be leaving the committee, so there will need to be a new person elected as Secretary.
  - b. All other members at tonight's meeting have stated that they are staying on.
- 3. Michele raised that if anyone would like to join an additional committee, there are openings, particularly one on the Cemetery Committee.
- 4. Update on Wreaths Across America (Susan Xirinachs)
  - a. Susan mentioned that there will be a group working with the Brewer Community School for next year's event, and that effort will be made to ensure that information will be prepared in advance for next year, including mapping the cemeteries to cross-reference all veteran graves.
  - b. Susan is trying to get the Wreaths Across America mobile unit at the Riverwalk Festival to assist in getting the word out to the committee now.
  - c. WalMart is working to provide us with a way to take cash donations for next year's event.
- 5. Edner mentioned that the Bangor Art Society has contacted her to request the Committee's assistance with their mission - to be brought up in more detail at a later date.
- 6. Edner also suggested a structure meeting to place all events on the calendar and get buy-in from the City Council. Tammy has requested a calendar of all of the events from Parks and Rec, Waterfront Concerts, and the City to be put on this calendar.
  - a. Edner will create this calendar with all events that the BCAC could assist with.
- 7. Susan has brought up wanting to resurrect Brewer Days in the fall.
- 8. Edner would like to do something with fine art.
- 9. A question was raised about the Memorial Day or Veterans' Day parades being a Bangor-Brewer joint venture. The Fourth of July and Memorial Day parades both go across the bridge through Brewer and Bangor.

#### **IV. Public Comments**

No members of the public were in attendance for public comment.

#### **V. Adjourn**

- 1. Joy motioned to adjourn the meeting
- 2. Ann seconds the motion
- 3. All were in favor of adjourning.
- 4. The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 PM