Litchfield Arts Council
October 12, 2021

Call to order: 12:30
Attendees: Jessica, Fran, Charlie, Pricilla, Eric, Jennifer, Michele, Tomasina, Denise

Introductions: from the council members to each other and our invited specialists,
Steph Burr from NWCTArts, Vita Mulr from the Litchfield Jazz Fest, and Robert Kwalick, from
Bantam Cinema and Arts Center.

Jennifer Terzian moves to accept minutes, Eric Hahn seconded.
12:40

What can our Invited Specialists do to support the Arts Council:
Steph Burr: can give us data and email lists, disseminate information when there is a Call for
Artists, Help with grant funding/writing.

Vita: can contribute experience. Advisor:

Robert: The Cinema wants to expand programming and activity to attract new visitors, &
attract people who want to use the space to hold events and programs. Programming
designed by the Arts Council can be held at the Cinema.

The Mission of the Arts Council:
Concept of the mission, finalizing the mission statement.
The November meeting should be devoted to developing the Mission.

1. Who does the Arts Council serve? Community needs assessment. Members of the
committee should identify who can be served by the committee; the artists, schools, from
adults to children, visitors, local economy.
2. What is our identity? service org, re-granting org?

Topics discussed:
The Arts Council needs to establish its public name.
Create a strategy and prioritize steps.
The Arts Council needs its own website, with a landing page, featuring a story about the
members of the committee as first contribution of content.
What is our identity: Service org? Re-granting org?

Arts/Cultural District, benchmarks to reach, funding sources.
‘Waterbury Foundation”, Foundation for Giving, sources for grants.
Sherr-Thoss foundation; Sustainable CT has a crowd funding source for raising website $$$
Eric will create the FB page when we are ready.
Subcommittees can be established, identified at our November meeting.
One more alternate, non-voting member position is available on the Council.

Motion to accept meeting schedule: Fran moves, Charlie 2nd
Fran moved to adjourn, Jennifer 2nd @ 1:31
Sidebar:

Bring the names of people who have indicated interest in helping/joining the Council. They can be our pool of volunteers.

NB: To fill the open space on the Council, the candidate must attend a regular meeting of the Council before they can be considered, must be a Litchfield resident, and their political party affiliation must be in accordance with the regulations on %.

Bring a list of ideas for events and programming.

List of beneficiaries from the activities of the Arts Council.