

Draft for Woodbury Charter Revision
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There shall be an Arts and Culture Advisor, who will be a representative from the Non-Profit Arts Groups in Woodbury, to provide a conduit between the Arts Community and the Board of Selectmen. They would report to the Board of Selectmen as an agenda item once a month at BoS meetings. The Arts groups will elect one representative from their combined board of directors to serve a two year term.

Rationale: The residents on these Non-Profit Arts boards are committed to improving the Arts environment in Woodbury. They already have many ideas regarding what is needed.

These residents already attend a monthly meeting for their individual 501(c) (3) organizations, so expecting them to participate on a commission would present a burdensome situation.

This representative would solicit ideas and solutions from all the non-profit groups.

What have these non-profit groups done to improve the ARTS in Woodbury?

Woodbury-Bethlehem Community Music Foundation, Inc.

Provided numerous educational Grants to the Reg. 14 Schools

Provided most of the funding for the Friends of the WS/CC Concert Series since inception.

Provided funding for the Ukulele program at the WS/CC

Funded enrichment activities to individuals for 19 years.

Created a Chamber Concert Series, ongoing since 2021.

And much more.

Arts Alliance of Woodbury

Presented The Arts Festival on the North Green, 2017.

Created exhibition outlets for artists annually for the past four years at the Library.

Presented a summer Arts Walk monthly since 2021,

Provided Grants to artists for the past three years.

They have been an advocate for the expansion of Arts representation in all forms, from Visual Arts to Poetry, from Music to Dance.

They provide opportunities for artists of all kinds to gather socially, discussing their work.

Community Theatre at Woodbury, in their 11th season.

CTAW has provided quality theatrical experiences for audiences and actors alike. They have brought thousands of patrons to Woodbury, to see the likes of "Steel Magnolias, On Golden Pond, God of Carnage, The Fantasticks" and many others.

Each performance can almost guarantee a substantial increase in restaurant business.

But most importantly, they give our community the opportunity to perform, which is the highest level of Arts participation- the creation!