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Metal art frames – 3rd prong of proposed ‘Lewiston Public Art Project’ – debated, prompting call for further review



Pictured are Dan Buttery’s renderings of a metal frame and artwork that could be located in the village as part of the “Lewiston Public Art Project.” The frame above is superimposed in front of Gallo Coal Fire Kitchen on Center Street.

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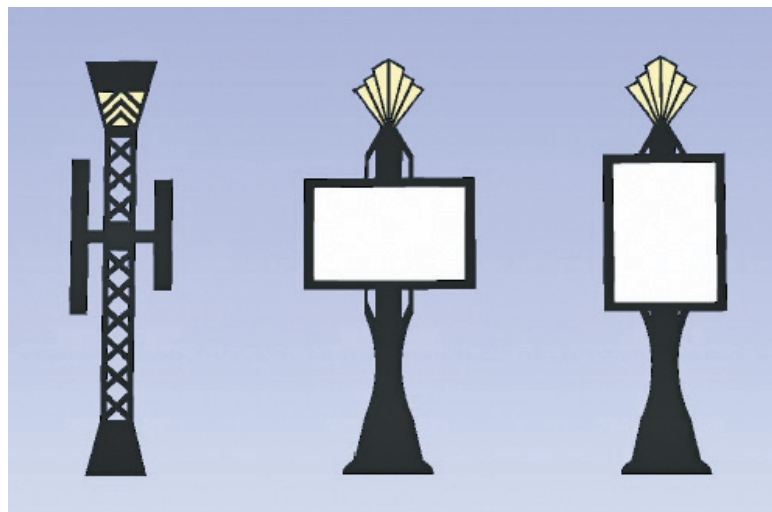
On Monday, Village of Lewiston trustees effectively acted to rescind part of their prior approval of the proposed “Lewiston Public Art Project” – and the Town of Lewiston Board could do the same when it next meets.

The portion of project sponsor Lewiston Council on the Arts’ application requiring additional analysis is the section calling for fabricator Dan Buttery to install up to 10 double-sided, 8-foot-tall, sculptured metal frames with a solar-powered art-deco top light “to display and promote local art and artists” along the village business district’s main thoroughfare.

Trustees want input from the Historical Preservation Commission and Planning Board before making a final decision on the metal frames’ feasibility.

Resident Lee Simonson, representing the De-Sign committee, said, “There’s been no mention of (the metal frames) in the newspaper, there have been no renderings in the newspaper, this has just kind of come up.”

He said, “Unfortunately, there’s been no public announce-



ment whatsoever that this topic was even going to be brought up tonight. I’m asking that we kind of take a step back here, take a breather, and let this thing get vetted through the normal channels in the process.”

Simonson said the metal frames “really can have a significant and consequential impact on the historical character of the village, and of Center Street in particular.”

He recommended the “Lewiston Public Art Project” be referred to the HPC and Planning

boards – “and even more importantly, the state (Department of Transportation), which owns the land.”

Trustees agreed. A joint meeting of all three boards will take place at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16, in the Red Brick Municipal Building.

Tina Coppins concurred with Simonson’s call for a pause.

The trustee said, “I think we should discuss where we should put these (metal frames), if we put them along the (Academy

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Q&A: Jolbert previews Lewiston Artisan Farmers Market Fall Festival

Farmers market finds winter home

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When Jamie Symmonds turned over the Lewiston Artisan Farmers Market to Rachel Jolbert mid-summer, she called her successor “an amazing woman who is wholeheartedly dedicated to her family, work, and this community”; someone whose “unparalleled work ethic, I believe, makes her the perfect candidate to take over the job as market manager. I have total confidence in her abilities and can’t wait to see all the wonderful things she will do in the future.”

Jolbert has been as advertised, expanding the weekly Academy Park market’s social media reach, creating a new Fall Festival – which is Saturday – and providing vendors an opportunity to continue offering goods into the winter months.

The baking and pastry arts professional, hospitality maestro and operator of Three Little Hens Baking Co. shared more about her plans for the market in this edited Q&A.

Q: *It’s been two and a half months since you took over the market. How have things been going?*

Jolbert: Really great. Everyone seems to be really receptive and positive about the changes. Nothing’s really changed except for me – which is what we were aiming for.

I have added a few new vendors. We started the winter market, which is really exciting, and a new partnership with the First Presbyterian Church on Cayuga Street. We’re going to be in their basement two Saturdays a month starting at the end of October, through May.

Q: *What made this the right time and the right place for that?*

Jolbert: A lot of the vendors were asking if there was a possibility of it. And so, I figured that now is a better time than any to start talking to the community and finding a place where we might be able to extend our season into the winter.

There’s lots of winter crops and different things from the farmers that they can grow and also just kind of keep over the winter. And then also the artisans, obviously, it gives them an



The Lewiston Artisan Farmers Market will hold a family-friendly Fall Festival on Saturday at Academy Park, and then operate out of the First Presbyterian Church social hall (505 Cayuga St.) this winter. (Images courtesy of Rachel Jolbert)



outlet to continue to sell.

Q: *Where in the church is the market going to be held?*

Jolbert: It’s going to be in their social hall, which is around the back – which is really nice. It’s totally accessible. There’s no stairs. There’s a restroom down there. It’s perfect for the community to access.

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