

## **Cultural Commission Meeting Minutes**

### **June 8, 2009**

Present: Lois Lindell, Linda Abbott, Robert Hall, Dee Moak, Mary Ann Olsen, Linda Percoski, Janice Steinmetz, Kathy Worcester, Mary Elizabeth Maclauchlan

Reviewed notes from May Meeting:

- Since we did not have a quorum, the notes are not official minutes

Financials: (Linda Abbott)

- The Town contribution for the Scholarship was received
- Dee will send a note to Mr. Larabee to help remind him of his donation.

Correspondence:

- The 4 Town Fair asked if we wanted to participate in the parade. Dee recommended that we participate and offered suggestions on things that we can do. This issue was tabled until our next meeting.

Garden Tour Update:

- Linda Abbott, Rich Mazur and Shirley Dolby will be on the committee.
- The event is scheduled for July 10, 2010
- Cost will remain the same as 7 years ago - \$15 day of and \$10 for advance tickets.
- Title: Artists in the Garden – Will try to get artists to be at some gardens.
- Currently have 7 committed but would prefer to have 10.
- An article was submitted to the North Central News and we want to get on the CT Board of Tourism Calendar.
- We will provide box lunches if the Somers Inn participates with us.
- Worthington Pond will be on the tour and we may have an art show at Worthington.
- Planning a dinner the night before the tour.

Website

- Mary Elizabeth Maclauchlan presented the latest design
- The group selected the red sunset design of the four presented.
- Mary Elizabeth will host the Cultural Commission site for the first year.
- Discussed additional concert information to include. Dee will be the contact person for concert questions.
- Bob will contact the town to identify the person that will receive the link to the new site.
- The following items will be included in the design: Art Show, Garden Tour, Holiday Tea, Scholarship, Photography Show, Tree Planting, St. Patricks Day Celebration

- Will include a history page that includes a history of the Commission and Piedmont Hall
- We will not include minutes but will include a list of members without telephone numbers.
- Other items include Mission Statement, List of accomplishments, and what we donated.
- Mary Elizabeth will send Bob the link once the updates are complete. Bob will send the link to Mark Trescott with a request that the Commission wants this site to replace the current one on somersnow.com.

#### Summer Concerts

- July 2: Amy Gallatin: Dee Moak will introduce.
- July 9: Windham Concert Band: Linda Abbott will introduce.
- July 16: Resurrection Airmen Band: Mary Ann Olsen will introduce.
- July 24: Children's Concert, Brian Gillie: Chris Anthony will introduce.
- July 31: Pioneer Valley Fiddlers: Lois will ask Jeannie if she will do it
- Dee volunteered to be the Greeter.

#### Art Scholarship:

- The scholarship will be awarded at the Senior Awards night on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### Election of Officers

- Linda Abbott will be Chairman and Chris Anthony Vice Chairman
- Secretary – John Cowles
- Treasurer – Janice Steinmetz
- Publicity – Kathy Worcester
- Other responsibilities will include Bob Hall handling technical. John & Linda handling the Photo Show.

#### Other business

- Lois will purchase new ceiling tiles from Home Depot to replace the ones in the ceiling that are damaged. 8 were identified that need replacement

Next Meeting: Monday September 14, 2009, 7:00 PM at Piedmont Hall.