

Cultural Commission Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2010

Present: Linda Abbott, Chris Anthony, Nancy Barbosa, Neil Connell, Bob Hall, Rich Mazur, Linda Percoski, Kathy Worcester

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- Rich Mazur had emailed the minutes following the June 14th meeting.

Financials:

- Treasurer was not in attendance.

Linda Abbott distributed the following:

- List of Cultural Commission members with contact information.
- 2010 – 2011 Meeting Schedule.

Garden Tour Update:

- The poor weather had a significant negative impact on Garden Tour attendance. It started raining with thunder at 11:00 AM and many people did not want to spend the money with the high risk of the tour being rained out.
- The Garden Tour financials will be discussed at the next meeting.

Summer Concerts:

- The concerts were well attended and the weather was excellent for each of the concerts.
- Had strong donations at each of the concerts.
- The path from the Senior Center to the Gazebo needs to be repaired. The path has many ruts making it difficult for the Seniors. Also, the path needs lighting. Rich communicated the concerns to the Selectman's office.
- The Windham Concert Band was top rated and received the most donations.
- Jimmy Mazz was excellent.
- Have arranged with some of the groups to return next year.
- Children's Concerts:
 - The weather was very hot at the first concert so attendance was low.
 - The second concert had the highest attendance.
 - No donations were received
- The following issues were tabled for discussion at the planning meetings in 2011:
 - Consider adding a June Concert.
 - Farmers Market vendor inquired about selling at the concerts.
 - Should Collins Creamery be contacted to sell ice cream?

Piedmont Art Show

- Neil Connell distributed the show schedule.
- Have 96 painters that have submitted 140+ works of art. Not all paintings will be accepted.
- Sitters were selected for the days of the show. Attending members volunteered time on the schedule.
- Neil requested donations of food. Attending members provided a list of food that they will provide.
- Linda Abbott volunteered to assist at the reception on September 26th so Neil and Linda can work with the artists
- We will have gift certificates from Geisslers and Stop & Shop which will be used to purchase food for the reception.

Holiday Tea:

- Chris Anthony and Bob Hall volunteered to coordinate the Holiday Tea.
- The Holiday Tea will be scheduled for Sunday, December 5, 2010 from 2 – 4PM.
- Bob Hall will contact Choral Director Joan Machacek to confirm the High School Jazz Choir to perform.
- Bob Hall will contact the NHS Advisor, Jan Martin, to request students to serve.
- Discussed Piedmont Hall vs. the Town Hall as the location for the Holiday Tea. It was recommended that we keep the Tea at the Town Hall because it has a stage, kitchen, rehearsal room and more room for additional tables.
- The details will be discussed at the next meeting.

Membership

- Jeannie Bryanton sent a letter of resignation to the Commission.
- Linda has someone that is interested in joining the Commission and wrote a letter to the selectman's office recommending that the person be appointed.

2011 Officers

- Discussed the following slate of 2011 Officers:
 - President – Linda Abbott
 - Vice Chair – Chris Anthony
 - Treasurer – Janice Steinmetz
 - Secretary – Bob Hall
- The slate of officers will be voted at the October Meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting - Monday October 18, 2009, 7:00 PM at Piedmont Hall. The date was changed because of the Columbus Day holiday.