

# Somers Cultural Commission Minutes

## February 22, 2011

Present: Linda Abbott, Nancy Barbosa, Neil Connell, Bob Hall, Rich Mazur, Dee Moak, John Reeves, Judy Reeves, Janice Steinmetz and Kathy Worcester.

**Secretary's Report:** The November Minutes were previously emailed to the members and the minutes were reviewed at the meeting. Add to previous minutes: The group agreed that the Commission would not sponsor a Children's concert in 2011 due to the low attendance last year. The minutes were accepted with the addition.

**Treasurer's Report:** A Treasurer's report was not generated because of flooding at the Town Hall. The Commission had no transactions since the last report. The Windham Concert Band lost the check they were given last year and they have requested a replacement. Janice will contact Town Hall.

**Correspondence:** No new correspondence was received

### ***Subcommittee Reports:***

#### **Photography Show**

- The dates for the Photography Show was changed to May 6<sup>th</sup> through May 15, 2011 due to Easter conflicting with entry drop offs.
- The entries will be dropped off on April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Flyers will go out the end of March.
- Janice will provide information to Bob Hall for posting on SomersCultural.com.

#### **Summer Concerts**

- The following are the 6 concerts planned for 2011:
  - June 30<sup>th</sup> – South Windsor Concert Band
  - July 7<sup>th</sup> – James Mazzaferro
  - July 14<sup>th</sup> – Ross Tucker
  - July 21<sup>st</sup> – Pioneer Valley Fiddlers
  - July 28<sup>th</sup> – Windham Concert Band
  - August 4<sup>th</sup> – Spectacles Featuring the Sin Sisters

- The Farmers Co-op inquired about selling during the concert. We recommend that they set up at their normal location and sell prior to the concert.
- Rich Mazur distributed letters to be hand delivered to local businesses asking for donations for the Summer Concerts.
- Add to SomersCultural.com: An invite to local non-profit organizations to sell refreshments at the Summer Concerts.

## ***New Business***

### **Art Display in Town Hall:**

- The town administration expects to complete installation of molding by March 1st. After the molding is installed, we can begin hanging the artwork.
- We agreed to allow both art and photography for hanging, provided that it is framed.
- Linda Abbott is in contact with local artists for art to be displayed.
- Art and photographs will be displayed for 2-3 months and then be replaced with new art.
- Persons providing art will need to sign a hold harmless agreement to cover art that may be damaged or stolen.

### **Front Sign Options:**

- Judy Reeves contacted Sign vendors in Manchester and Enfield.
- The Manchester vendor submitted an estimate of \$1600 for new strapping and letters.
- The Enfield vendor provided an estimate of \$800 - \$900 for letters and strapping and an estimate of \$1600 to include a Plexiglas cover for both sides.
- Rich recommended contacting D&G Graphics to provide temporary signs until the sign is repaired.
- Judy will get estimates from additional vendors and discuss at the March meeting.

### **Scholarship:**

- Bob Hall distributed the 2011 scholarship application for review.
- The members accepted the Scholarship Application as written.
- Neil Connell discussed the review process.
- Bob Hall will have the application posted on SomersCultural.com and deliver it to the Guidance office at the High School.

- Nancy Barbosa will review application submissions with L. Percoski and N. Connell. Neil will notify Nancy when applications have been received.

### ***Old Business***

#### **Establish a Town Band:**

- Dee decided to withdraw the proposal. It was recommended that she contact Rich Szoka, who plays for the South Windsor Band, to obtain potential interest.

**Piedmont Projects:** Linda contacted Lisa who said that the wiring for a motion detector light for the front of Piedmont Hall would be done soon. Linda will initiate another follow-up with Lisa. Linda will bring a drill to the next meeting so we can install the door handles.

**North Central News Contract:** The contract will be renewed for 2011. Janice will request an invoice from Gary Caras.

**2011 Budget:** The budget, as submitted to Town Hall was reviewed and discussed by the Commission. Cost to replace or repair our front sign was not included in the budget.

**Piedmont Hall Use:** Neil mentioned that the CT River Valley Artists requested the use of Piedmont Hall in June. This was placed on the Town Calendar.

Next meeting: **March 14, 2011 @ 7 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Hall