

Somers Cultural Commission
Minutes of March 9, 2015 Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM

Present: J. Hutton, K. Hutton, J. Reed, K. Worcester, J. Batchelor, A. Levesque, P. Jones, D. Fraro, S. Grabierz

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the February 11, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Two corrections were noted. Parks and Recreation were documented as DOT and should have been referred to as DPW. The Art Show will be coordinated by Linda Abbott and Neil Connell. Joanne Batchelor and Jeanne Reed will be assisting with the event. Report was then accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Report reviewed and accepted.

Correspondence: No new correspondence.

New Business

Subcommittee Reports:

Summer Concert Series: 6 of the 7 contracts have been signed and returned along with the W-9 forms. J. Reed will forward to the Finance Dept. The South Windsor Community Band was contacted and they do plan on performing. Their contract should be coming within the next week. Sandy did review who will be performing this year.

Piedmont Percolator: K. Hutton will be coordinating a meeting next week with J Reed and A. Levesque to identify potential entertainers for the 2015/2016 schedule. Objective is to have entertainers identified by 4/1/15 so they can be included in advertisement for Cultural Commission. The Committee will also look at the possibility of changing the time for the coffeehouse from 7:00 ó 9:00 PM to 6:00 ó 8:00 PM. Given possible weather issues and Monday being a work day for many, the earlier start time, might attract more guests knowing they will be home at an earlier time.

Piedmont Photography Show: J. Batchelor reported she is in the process of contacting potential judges for the show. The dates for the show has been changed to May 3 ó 17. This will minimize any conflict with other shows in the area, and give the DPW additional time to breakdown the coffeehouse set up and get panels ready for the Photography Show. The Committee has also introduced a new category for High School Students. Joanne will be sending invitations to 6 High Schools in the area, but, student entries will not be limited to just those schools. Students will have a reduced entry fee and be limited to 3 entries. The Committee is still working on what the prizes will be for the students.

Art Show: Linda and Neil will be meeting early summer to get the process started. P. Jones and J. Batchelor will be assisting so they can become familiar with the process.

2015 Planning Meeting: The Planning Meeting has been temporarily put on hold until more details are available on the Coffeehouse. All other events sponsored by the Commission are in place.

Fundraising: There was a lot of discussion amongst Committee members on how the process should evolve. Some excellent suggestions/ideas that would encompass not only the larger businesses but some of the smaller retailers in town. Kate will update the introductory letter. She is looking for members who can assist in the fundraising initiative.

Adjournment: J Batchelor moved that we adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by K. Hutton. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Next Meeting: April 13, 2015 7:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted
Sandra Grabierz