

Somers Cultural Commission  
Minutes of September 14, 2015 Meeting

**Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM Jeanne Reed, presiding.**

Present: D. Fraro, G. Lockwood, J. Reed, J. Batchelor, A. Levesque, K. Worcester, S. Grabierz, Guest: A. Murphy, Neil Connell

Secretary's Report: Reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Reviewed and accepted.

Correspondence: One letter received from Broadcast Music Inc referencing licensing. Will be referred to Kate Hutton.

New Business .

Summer Concert Series:

The concerts went well with good attendance. Based on information from concert goers, and Commission members, would like to see some variation in the entertainers for next season. Since most Commission members were new to the concert process, Town Depts were extremely helpful and patient as we became familiar with the Rules and Regulations. Vendor participation was probably the most challenging activity. Need to address again as we move into the 2016 season, specifically location. In October subcommittee will begin the process of securing entertainers for the 2016 season.

Art Show:

N. Connell provided an overview of where we were with the Art Show. Openings still existed for the Sitters List. This was finalized after the meeting. Details for the Reception on Sept 20 were discussed and open issues resolved. This included set up, breakdown and appetizers. Attached are two documents (from G. Lockwood) which go into more detail on the event and Sitters Schedule. Finance has received the requests for Prize winner checks. G. Lockwood will take pictures of winners at the Reception for Publicity purposes.

Piedmont Coffeehouse:

First performance is scheduled for October 11. K. Hutton will submit press release. A. Levesque will confirm with artists scheduled performance. She will also coordinate with Commission Members refreshments for Coffeehouse events. Park Dept will be notified via email to dismantle walls, set up tables, stage and chairs after the Art Show on October 6. S. Grabierz will coordinate Oct 11 show in A. Levesque's absence. Coffeehouse banner will be put up after the Art Show. Bob Hall will not be available for this first show, but will coordinate with High School students to set up PA system etc. S. Grabierz will also provide a flyer for the performances and have available at the Art Show.

Photography Show:

J. Batchelor will begin preparing for the 2016 show in November.

Review of By-Laws:

This item was not on the agenda for Sept. so review was deferred to October meeting.

Election of Officers:

In the June meeting the Commission agreed to table this item until the November meeting.

Ideas for new Commission Members:

By year end the Commission will have 4 vacancies. There was considerable discussion and a variety of ideas on how to approach this. Some also asked if there was a list at Town Hall of individuals who might have expressed an interest in being on the Commission. Secretary will pursue with Town Clerk. Key question was eligibility. In reviewing the bi-laws it doesn't address the issue of age requirement or needing to be a registered voter.

Questions/concerns:

Hospitality Coordinator ó K. Worcester agreed to act as Hospitality Coordinator ensuring all the necessary supplies are available for events at Piedmont Hall (ie. Coffee, tea, sugar). Thank you, Kathy.

There was also a question on how the various Sitters for the Art Show get access to the Building. Although there is a key at Town Hall which is available for our use, there was a concern that they key wouldn't be secured before Town Hall closed for the long weekend. J. Batchelor offered to donate a lock box which would be at Piedmont Hall and hold the key to the building. Everyone agreed this would be a great idea for any/all members that need access to Piedmont Hall.

Adjournment: A. Levesque moved that we adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by J. Batchelor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Next Meeting: October 5, 2015 7:00 PM (Date adjusted per town calendar to accommodate Columbus Day )

Respectfully Submitted  
Sandra Grabierz