

Cultural Commission Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2010

Present: Chris Anthony (Meeting Coordinator), Jeannie Bryanton, Neil Connell, Bob Hall, Rich Mazur, Mary McGurk, Dee Moak, Linda Percoski, Janice Steinmetz, Kathy Worcester

Secretary's Report:

- The members reviewed and accepted the minutes from the February meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

- Financial report was presented, discussed and accepted.
- Purchased gift cards for Lisa & Jim.

Correspondence:

- Thank you card from Lisa Coope for the gift card

Piedmont Photography Show

- The photos will be accepted and judged in the Town Hall conference room if Piedmont Hall is not available.
- Neil will meet with town officials this week to get an update on Piedmont Hall.
- Linda gave Bob Hall the announcement to be posted to SomersNow.com and the Cultural Commission Internet page. Bob Hall will coordinate.
- John Cowles has volunteered to help.
- The judges have recommended that we add categories to the entry form and we have adjusted the form to include categories.
- Janice requested volunteers to sit during various days of the Photo Show. The members provided days and times that they will be available. Linda will compile the list and discuss any remaining openings at the April meeting.
- The money will be distributed to the award recipients on May 2nd.

Garden Tour:

- 10 of 11 garden summaries have been completed.
- We have finalized the agreement with Richie T's for the boxed lunches.
- The signs will be ordered soon

Summer Concerts:

- A updated list of concerts listing the date, contacts and contract status was distributed by Rich Mazur. Everyone is confirmed except for the Children's Concerts.
- We need to send a note to John Larabee for funding the Amy Gallatin concert.

- Chris Anthony provided an update on the Children's concerts – People from the Young Audiences of CT will provide the performers. Brian Gillie may come back to perform. Trying to get donations to fund one of the Children's Concerts.
- Rich requested a \$100 deposit for the Flamingos

NEW BUSINESS

Rotary Club Request

- The Rotary Club requested someone from the Cultural Commission to come to one of their meetings and give an update on what the Cultural Commission is doing.
- Dee Moak volunteered to represent the commission at one of their meetings.

Cultural Commission Web site update

- Mary Elizabeth MacLauchlan attended the meeting and presented data sheets showing the "hits" on the site by month.
- Mary Elizabeth discussed the importance of keeping our information up to date and to remove old information.
- Discussed the issue of old information that resides on other sites including somersnow.com. Need to identify the source of the outdated information and take steps to remove it.
- Mary Elizabeth recommended that the Cultural Commission invest in their own domain name and that the name be something that is fairly short and something that people can relate the Cultural Commission with. A number of potential names were discussed including somerscultural.com, somersCTcultural.com and somersculturalcomm.com. Mary Elizabeth will investigate what names are available.
- Mary Elizabeth recommended that the commission approve spending \$125 year for Yahoo to provide web hosting for our new domain.
- Mary Elizabeth will provide the services to construct the new domain and maintain both the old and new domain until we determine that the new domain is fully utilized.
- Dee Moak made a motion to authorize the expenditure of \$125 to secure a domain name with names that include somersculturalcomm.com

Democratic Town Committee Request

- The Democratic Town Committee asked if we would allow them to provide refreshments at one of the Summer Concerts.
- Dee had a call from the State informing them that the Democratic Committee could not get involved in this type of activity.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 PM

Next Meeting:

Monday, April , 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Conference Room.