

**SOMERS CULTURAL COMMISSION**  
MINUTES OF JUNE 12, 2017

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7PM

PRESENT: Ann L., Dan F., Kathy W., Donna L., Joann B., Ginny L., Pat B., Pat J., Debbie H.,  
GUESTS: NEIL CONNELL, SANDY GRABRIEZ, ANNE MURPHY

SECRETARY'S REPORT: APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE A suggestion was made at this time to have a standard "THANK YOU" letter to thank all the donors. All thought it was a good idea. Ann L. undertake this task and give info to the secretary for addressing and mailing.

TREASURER REPORT: NO REPORT.

1. MAY, 2017 FINANCIAL REPORT: NO REPORT
2. BILLS: THERE IS ONE BILL \$54.90 FOR ART SHOW supplies. Approved to pay

OLD BUSINESS

1. SPRING PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW: JOANNE B. Passed around a print out with all ideas and suggestions for 2018 show. There was a lively discussion on all points and all agreed this will be a helpful guide for 2018.
2. PUBLICITY REVIEW: Ginny L. gave a review on announcements given to at least 8 local newspapers and publications. We also have a separate page on the SOMERSCT.GOV/CULTURAL COMMISSION website. Postings to the site must go through the Town Clerk.
3. FUND RAISING: DAN F. AND ANNE M.GAVE a detailed update on where we stand with the fund raising drive. The goal is \$6500 and we are at \$5,250 with several sponsors donation in the process. Letters and donation forms were passed out with encouragement for every to get at least one more sponsor.
4. 2017 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: All set for this season entertainment. A discussion was held about the "hot dog"cart concerning the possible safety issue at its location. We will try to get the vendor to move to a different location. It was suggested that we eliminate one concert in 2018 in an effort to reduce expenses. This was tabled for future discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

1. YARD SIGNS: We all agreed they are good. Ann L. will see how many we have and buy more if we need them.
2. PAY FOR SHS JANITOR SERVICE: A discussion was held and acknowledged that the contract is set for this season. We are bound to pay the fee whether we use the service or not.
3. FRIENDS OF THE CONCERT SERIES: Discussion on soliciting individual donors as well as businesses. This was an idea approved by the committee.
4. OTHER MATTERS: There is a possibility of a grant available for the Cultural commission. Anne L. will look into it.
5. ART SHOW: Neil C. gave an update. The show is in progress. Flyers will be sent out the 1st week in July. Aug. 26th the show will be juried. Several members volunteered to help on Aug. 27 marking post cards. Neil is expecting an increase in entries this year because it is our 25th Anniversary. We will need sitters and bakers. More to be discussed at the next meeting.

Joanne B. motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm. Kathy W. 2nd.  
The next meeting will be Monday, September 11, 2017 at 7pm, Piedmont Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Jones      Minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting