

**Somers Cultural Commission Meeting Minutes  
October 4, 2021 7:00 p.m. Piedmont Hall**

**Present:** Chair, Ann Levesque, Pat Bachetti, Giselle Genece, Lynne Goss, Dave Marti, Ann Murphy, Cindy Rusinowski, Gail Tishler

**Absent:** Eileen Fedorowich, Elaine Friedman, Dan Fraro, Terri Schmidt

**Call to Order:** Ann opened the meeting at 7:05.

**Secretary's Report:** The secretary's report was read and approved with an explanation of the \$200 left over from Dave Marti and the commission to spend the balance. Also due to the by-laws we can't add a position for corresponding secretary. Therefore Gail will chair the corresponding/thank you response committee. Pat read a note received from a family in appreciation of Ann's fine leadership and the commission's work for our town of Somers. A motion by Bev and seconded by Gail.

**Treasurer's Report:** The \$2500 stipend from the town's general fund has transferred to the commission's account. Our cash balance has improved with our sponsors and yearly activities. A recent concert brought in \$706. Cindy motioned and Giselle seconded. So approved.

**Bills for approval –** There's been a good response to date to advertising on the Patch. Costs more if we reach out beyond our immediate area. "Truck Stop concert \$20, "The Decades" \$16. Elvis \$32. Bill for \$13.18 for water for performers also. Bev motioned and Giselle seconded. Approved unanimously.

**Old Business:** Our next scheduled event is the Coffee House which is the second Sunday monthly from 6-8 p.m. Ann will check with Steve Jacobs on protocol for town buildings. After discussion it was suggested that we open January thru April. Maximum seating would be 50 attendees(if approved), required masks, vaccine cards, advanced registration, no food/beverages. Pat motioned and Giselle seconded. Approved unanimously.

**Discussion of concert series-**such positive feedback, so well attended and the community loved the three season series. Giselle suggested we could perhaps kickoff our summer series by adding "Juneteenth". Commission agreed it would be a good addition. Giselle suggested maybe a movie night at the Gazebo. She will look into it with Enfield who does it-cost of projector, etc. Suggestion that maybe the Boy Scouts could do a project to build the screen. Dave will check with group he knows in Springfield also.

**New Business:** Suggestion we modify our sponsor letter next year with guidelines for COVID. Ann Murphy stated we had 5 new sponsors for our spring concerts and 9 new sponsors for our summer/fall concerts. Our 2021 sponsorship campaign was most successful and encouraging. The 2022 meeting calendar was presented. Dave motioned to accept and Bev seconded. So approved.

**Adjournment:** Our next meeting will be November 8. Gail motioned to adjourn and Cindy seconded. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:55. Happy Halloween All!

Respectfully submitted, Pat Bachetti, secretary

Note: Minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.