

SOMERS CULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
May 9,2022 7:00 p.m. Piedmont Hall

Present: Ann Levesque, Pat Bachetti, Neil Connell, Dan Fraro, Jillian Connors, Eileen Fedorowich, Elaine Friedman, Lynne Goss, Dave Marti, Ann Murphy, Gail Tishler.

Absent: Giselle Genece, Bob Hall, Gracie Herrity, Isabella Nolaco, Terri Schmidt.

Call to Order: Members pledged our flag and Ann called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m..

Secretary's Report: There was no discussion or corrections. Elaine motioned to accept the minutes as presented and Dan seconded. Approved.

There was no correspondence at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Elaine reported we exceeded the \$2500 stipend from the town's general fund. There were no questions regarding the profit/loss statement. Deposits were made for the sponsorship campaign and the photography show.

Bills for approval were presented (with receipts) for the photography show, publicity. Pat motioned to accept and pay bills and Dave seconded. Approved.

Neil Connell presented information on the upcoming art show in September. Work will commence soon prior to his upcoming surgery and he is requesting assistance with prep items and also sitters, reception, entries, etc. He will keep the commission posted as needs arise.

Old Business:

The acoustics at the green have received some concerns as one section cannot hear announcements clearly. Music and entertainer seem fine, but will try using our own microphone for individual notices, introductions by chairman. First spring concert is coming May 14th 1-3 p.m.. Jillian will direct the set-up with volunteers and Dave will cover announcements and welcoming as he will host the concert in Ann's absence. CERT will have 3 volunteers to assist with parking. Debbie Farnham's husband offered to rope off an area at his place by Colonial Flowers on the grass for additional parking this year. Thank you, so appreciated. Flyers will be ready to be passed out at the concert and the banner is up with additional signage at the gazebo. Thank you DPW.

Ann Murphy updated on the sponsorship campaign. As of today's date we are doing excellent and have received wonderful response. All of our concerts are taken care of and we are in good shape. Thank you Ann and Dan for all your devoted work with this campaign. Donations going forward will pay for incidentals.

Pat reported on the photography show and recent reception. She thanked the committee members for their non-stop work and commitment- Gail, Ginny(honorary member), Neil for the success and set-up of the show and great attendance at the kick-off reception. A special thank you to members who committed to sit during the show hours. A lot of wonderful comments and feedback from those attending and viewing the photos and also the venue of the Piedmont Hall. A big shoutout and thank you to Sue Fenton this year's juror who did a great job for us.

Members discussed the mission statement and some wording changes were suggested. Discussion will continue next meeting and was tabled.

Sitters for the photo show was discussed with concern for access to Piedmont with the lock box and key situation. Lynne motioned to purchase a new lock box and Dave seconded. Approved.

Suggestion and further discussion of T-shirts for volunteers at the upcoming concerts. Members would wear them during concerts-good advertising and added color and easy to identify volunteers for attending concert goers. Please see Ann for sizes. Shirts will be light blue with black lettering.

Ann met with Beth from the EDC. Suggestion of involving 4 local restaurants during concerts. Home Town Kitchen, Mario's, Somersville Pizza, Joanna's are considered. Folks can order ahead and either pickup prior-to or deliver at concert. Details have not been worked out. Tabled till next meeting for further discussion.

New Business:

Discussion of "Movie on the Green". Amazon has an inexpensive screen. Ann will check with recreation and Maureen as they are thinking of doing this. She will meet with her and perhaps have more information for our next meeting.

Adjournment:

Elaine motioned to adjourn and Dave seconded. Ann adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

The next meeting will be June 13, 2022. There will be no July/August meeting per by-laws.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Bachetti, secretary

Minutes not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.