

Somers Cultural Commission Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2022 7:00 p.m. Piedmont Hall

PRESENT: Chair, Ann Levesque, Pat Bachetti, Neil Connell, Dan Fraro, Elaine Friedmann, Giselle Genece, Lynne Goss, Dave Marti, Ann Murphy, Terri Schmidt, Gail Tishler

ABSENT: Eileen Fedorowich, Bob Hall

Call to Order: Members pledged our flag and Ann called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Secretary's Report: One correction under treasurer's report-sentence to read, "Elaine reported we exceeded the stipend from the town's general fund". No other corrections. Elaine motioned to accept minutes as corrected and Dave Marti seconded. Approved.

Correspondence: There was a note from the Somers Safe Grad, Class of 2022, thanking us for our donation, also a note from the Somers Recreation and Leisure Services department regarding our donation to help fund "Macie's Place Splash Pad" at Field Road Park. Both were very appreciative.

Treasurer's Report: There was only one copy of the financial statement so the report was tabled until members have a copy for discussion.

A 3-step ladder is needed at the Piedmont Hall. Suggested we reach out to Todd Roland, DPW. Dave offered to contact him.

Old Business: Ann had attached copies of our 2022 outdoor concert series. Discussed each group entertainment to date with feedback from concert goers and donations received from each concert.

A short discussion on the continued need for CERT and parking at the concerts. Members agreed it was a good idea with so many cars and a safety issue to continue having them.

Neil Connell reported on the upcoming Art Show opening reception and show. 105 entries were presented and after being viewed by the juror, 82 pieces were accepted. Neil discussed the responsibilities of the sitters for the show. He went over the program provided for our viewers. Also Michelle Pellissier will video our show and put it on the town website. Motion made by Lynne to hire and pay \$50 to Michelle. Elaine seconded. Approved.

Chair Ann decided to table the mission statement discussion until a future meeting.

Piedmont Hall has a new lockbox thanks to Dave Marti and Dan Fraro. Members were requested after the meeting to learn how to use-easy and needed. Thank you all.

Ann reported on the SCC T-shirts. Our first order was disappointing as they were thin and did not hold up well in the wash. Reordered a better quality and they are very nice. They are on sale at our concerts and sales continue.

New Business: Regarding the movie nights on the green-the Somers Recreation Department Director, Maureen Parcell, through her department is planning an outside movie night. Exciting and will be a fun evening for many.

Discussion on Michelle and Lee Pinney. Many felt both deserved something special for the time they give and Lee always bringing corn, mums, and goats throughout our summer/fall concerts. Members decided that Michelle is paid for her time videotaping. The commission will present Lee with a plaque making him an honorary member of our commission and publicly recognize him at the last concert.

A discussion of the Coffee House(Jan-April)was tabled until the October meeting.

Dave and Ann will work on the outside concert series dates.

The item of upgrading entertainers fees and community organizations as sponsors was tabled until October meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21.

The next meeting will be October 10.

**Respectfully submitted,
Pat Bachetti, secretary**

Minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.