

Somers Cultural Commission Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2022 7:00 p.m. Piedmont Hall

Present: Pat Bachetti, Eileen Fedorowich, Elaine Friedman, Giselle Genece, Bob Hall, Dave Marti (acting chairman), Gail Tishler

Absent: Chair, Ann Levesque, Lynne Goss, Dan Fraro, Ann Murphy, Terri Schmidt

Call to Order: Members saluted the flag and acting chair, Dave, called the meeting to order at 7:12.

Secretary's Report: Report presented and no changes or corrections noted. Elaine motioned to accept and Dave seconded. Approved.

Correspondence: A thank you letter was received from Connor Sparrow thanking the commission for awarding him the Cultural Commission scholarship for his art work at Somers High School. He will be attending Savannah College of Art and Design. Best of luck Connor! Two sympathy cards were sent recently to two families of longtime attendees at our concerts. A get well was sent to our chair as she recuperates.

Treasurer's Report: The financial report was presented by Elaine. Discussed and bills for approval presented also. Dave motioned to accept the report and pay the bills presented and Gail seconded. Approved. Giselle motioned that we pause our expenditures going forward until we see exactly where we are except to earmark \$200 to help sponsor the upcoming town "Holiday Festival". Dave seconded. Approved.

Old Business: Pat spoke about the upcoming Holiday Festival and that Piedmont will be hosting the Gingerbread House and Holiday Wreaths. A couple volunteers will be needed from the commission to help host the hours between 4-7 p.m. Please let Pat know if you are interested.

The first Coffee House of the year 2023 will open January 8 with the new time of 1-3 p.m. "Handle and Levesque"(international music) will kick off the series. We will be offering coffee, tea, hot chocolate, water at each performance. Masks will be optional. Bob Hall will continue setting up the lighting and also start the coffee brewing. Thank you Bob! February 12 and March 12 will complete our series.

Outdoor Concerts were again a big success. A list of upcoming spring, summer, and fall concerts was presented and the list is filling up quickly with just a few slots left. Concern is it too many, should we cut back a little? After some

discussion members decided it would continue as it has been and the community is very accepting and attentive. Giselle offered to help promote more marketing-perhaps reach out to schools, library, senior center, Go Local magazine. Thank you Giselle.

New Business: Bob Hall presented and reminded commission of the scholarship program at the high school and that spring will approach before we know it and applicants will begin being involved in the process again.

Next meeting will be held Monday, January 9 at 7:00 p.m.
Per our by-laws there is no meeting in December.

Respectfully submitted:
Pat Bachetti, secretary

Minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.