Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 21, 2018 7:00PM
Norma Drummer Room

Members Present: Colleen Fries, Rhonda Geffert, Saundra Gesek, Ed Hendricks, Pat Lombardi, Robert VanEgghen

Members Absent: Bob Findley, Bill Sawicki

Members Arriving Late: Jen Magri (7:51)

Others Present: Atty Bryan LeClerc, Berchem Moses PC

Item #1: Call Meeting to order.
Meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Lombardi, at 7:02 PM.

Item #2: Pledge to the Flag.
Everyone salutes the flag and states the Pledge of Allegiance.
A moment of silence was held for the victims of the Parkland High School Shooting in Florida.

Item #3: Approval of Minutes from Meeting of February 13, 2018.
The Chairman asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 2/13/18 as distributed. The following item was noted for correction.
Motion: Robert VanEgghen  Second: Saundra Gesek
Vote: 4-Yes  0-No  2-Abstain (Rhonda Geffert, Colleen Fries)

Item #4: Correspondence
Chairman Lombardi shared a correspondence that was received from the Culture and Arts Chairman in regards to the commission's feedback on the charter revision.

Item #5: Discussion of Possible Changes to the Town Charter
Town Counsel provided feedback on his research from previous discussion. The commission continued discussion on Chapter 10 of the Town Charter.
Charter Revision Commission Member Jen Magri joined the meeting at 7:51 PM.

Item #6: Public Comment
None
Item #7: Adjournment
Motion to Adjourn made at 8:45 PM.
Motion: Jen Magri  Second: Ed Hendricks
Vote: 7-Yes  0-No

The Next Meeting of the Commission will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 in the Norma Drummer Room of Seymour Town Hall at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jay Hatfield  
Recording Secretary
Fw: Culture and Arts

SAUNDRA GESEK [sgesek@snet.net]

You replied on 2/20/2018 8:51 AM.

Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 8:19 AM
To: Pat Lombardi

Begin forwarded message:

On Tuesday, February 20, 2018, 8:04 AM, judith simpson <judys45@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

To The Chairperson of the Charter Revision Commission:

I would like to enlighten your commission and the duties and works of our SEVEN PERSON board and why it is important that we remain that way.

As Chairman of the Culture Arts, as summary of the events we provide.

These are our services

Summer Concert Series (contact and contract)
Winter Concert (we have to contract with the BOE and the school)
A series of concerts at the Calhoun House (7)
Halloween parade for children age 2 - 12 (this involves contacting area merchants and Seymour Middle, flyers to distribute to the school after getting permission from the superintendent)
Decorating the downtown in conjunction with all the merchants for the fall with scarecrows (we make the frames and distribute and collect them)
Decorating the downtown, and train station at Christmas (putting up and taking down)
First Saturday in December (working with several organization)
Santa on the train, to carolers strolling the street, working with high school student.
Provide education program for the schools.

As you can see we do many, many programs and working with less would mean we wouldn’t be able to provide all these services. Bands need to be contacted and contracts made.
Advertisements, contacts and flyers need to be attended to
Research on the educational programs (contacting providers with programs, contacting the schools for performances arrangements 4 school)
The Strand Theater is no longer contracted for, that needs to be removed.

We do have a budget in order to provide entertainment to residents of our town.

Thank you, And please consider keeping us a seven person commission.

Judith Simpsom
Culture and Arts Chairman