

**SEYMOUR CULTURE AND ARTS COMMISSION**

**MEETING APRIL 9, 2013**

**7:00 PM SEYMOUR TOWN HALL**

**Comm. Members in attendance: Judy Simpson, Valerie D'Anna, Kim Osgood,**

**Mary Barbin, Linda Bellavance**

**Others Present: Dee Caruso, - Seymour Town Hall, Melissa Poynton-Smith and**

**Yvonne Loincez Seymour Lion's Club members**

Ms. Dee Caruso, from Seymour Town Hall, spoke to the members of the Commission in regards to a recent problem that had come up on the Strand Theater's Facebook page. It seems that someone had posted very inappropriate remarks regarding the theater and she was advising the members that any and all posts must go through the First Selectman's Office. Ms. Caruso was informed by Chairman Simpson that no one from our Commission has access to the Facebook page and felt that the entries came from theater employees. Ms. Caruso will be reporting to Mr. Miller and a letter will be sent to the theater employees regarding any further posts on the Strand's website.

Ms Caruso reported to the Commission that Grants will be submitted for us to both the Matthies Foundation and the Valley Community Foundation. These grants will request coverage for Concert Bands and entertainment to be provided to the schools in Seymour.

It was also discussed that Town Hall had received inquiries to why the old movies stopped being shown at the Strand? She was told that we would pass the question on to the theater manager.

**Lion's Club** Yvonne Loincez, Lion's Club President requested that Culture and Arts work with them to bring a child's author to town. They are interested in having a book signing, a story hour and a book swap. It was decided that the event would be held at the Strand Theater on Sunday, May 19, 2013 from 2-4 PM. Author Anthony Paolucci, will sign books and read to the children.

Melissa Poynton-Smith, Lion's Club member also told the Commission that they would hold a Car Show on both the first "First Saturday" in June and September. Both concerts on those dates will be given by Flashback.

**Strand Report:** None- Theater manager not present

**Secretary Report-** Motion "To accept Minutes As Read", made by Priscilla Altorelli, second by Valerie D'Anna VOTE: 4 YES 0 No 0 Abstained

**Treasurer's Report:** \$14,740.79 in Renovation Fund / \$ 8,512.00 in 2012-13 Culture and Arts Account. See attached.

**Contracts:** Mary Barbin reported that all contracts for the 2013 Summer Concert Season have been returned. One of the bands has had a name change; Mighty Kind is now known as Royal Rim. Mary will be ordering new signs, asked Priscilla to pull a Purchase Order. Ms Barbin suggested that we provide some type of entertainment to perform at Smithfield Gardens for the residents this summer. Chairman Simpson will contact Dom Bellucci about a picnic where we could provide them with entertainment.

Both Mary and Kim will be working on the Summer Concert advertisement.

**Chairman's Report:** Judy Simpson reported the following to the Commission;

Contractors are done with work at theater

Walk-through for Commission members will take place on Wednesday, May 10, 2013.

Lease suggestions were submitted to First Selectman Miller, No word on lease negotiations

Priscilla Altorelli was asked to request a line item transfer for oil. Line item deleted but money still owed.

No-action will be taken on downtown map being put together by Fred Mesore. Commission has no suggestions for this project.

Motion to adjourn meeting made at 8:15 by Linda Bellavance and second by Mary Barbin

Vote: 5 Yes 0 NO 0 Abstained

Respectfully Submitted,

*Linda Bellavance - Secretary*

Expenditures since March 12,2013 Meeting

1250.00 KofC March

512.46 CL&P

897.00 KofC Oil

350.00 P.O. 86401 J&J Gardens Spring Flowers

50.00 P.O. 86402 Kim Osgood - Concert Flyers

3059.46

3750.00 Rent

1679.70 Purchased Services

505.75 General Supplies

100.00 Building Improvements

1496.75 Electricity

980.60 Other Utilities

8512.80

## Section 10.25

There shall be a Culture and Arts Commission consisting of seven (7) members whose terms will be two (2) years and will be Administrative Appointments of the First Selectman. This Commission shall be responsible for providing both affordable and no-cost entertainment for the residents of the Town of Seymour, and shall have oversight of the Strand Theater.