

**Culture and Arts Commission**

**Special Meeting**

**October 18, 2012 5:30 PM**

**Seymour Town Hall**

Those Present: Judy Simpson Linda Bellavance Kim Osgood Valerie D'Anna

Priscilla Altorelli Ann Conroy

Others Present: First Selectman Kurt Miller

**Walnut Hill Church:** First Selectman Miller reported to the Commission he had been in talks with both the Knights of Columbus and members of the Walnut Hill Church regarding the fire code upgrades that are needed in order for the Church group to have more children attend their Sunday School session in the Knight's Hall on Sunday mornings. Fire codes require the wood paneling in the stairway to be removed and fire doors to be installed. It has been agreed upon by all three parties that the cost of these renovations be split 3 ways. The town's third of the costs will be offset by a reduction to the Church in their monthly rent charges. Rent reduction will begin on January 1, 2013 and continue for 10 months. Kurt will continue to meet with both parties monthly to keep progress and any issues arising handled immediately. Attorney Fred Staneck, who works with the Knights, has agreed to oversee any and all legal paperwork involved with this project.

**Down Town Advisory Comm. -** Kurt Miller reported that a new committee has been formed in town to help advise and work with town departments in suggesting and or assisting in town-wide events and or programs. This committee will be in contact with the Culture and Arts Commission when the need arises.

Chairman Simpson reported to Mr. Miller that the date had been secured for the Holiday Show at the Strand for Friday night December 7, 2012, with a matinee on Saturday December 8, 2012. Ms Megan Tarby will be repairing and painting the theater stage in the coming weeks and will have the work completed by the show in December.

**Strand Theater Equipment-** Chairman Simpson brought a proposal to the Commission from theater manager, Mrs. Jeri Swinik regarding the need to purchase 2 new units for the projection booth. In order to show the newer types of movies and digital DVD's, a new projector and blue ray DVD player are needed. Mrs. Swinik is working with Bob Peterson to secure a fairly new unit from a theater

recently closed, for a cost not to exceed \$4,500.00. Installation costs are not covered in this amount. Mrs. Swinik will be required to get at least a 1 year warranty on used equipment purchased. A motion was made by Priscilla Altorelli "To allow Jeri Swinik, theater manager, to negotiate with Bob Peterson for a used projector with at least a 1 year warranty, or purchase a new unit and not spending more than \$4,500.00 for either unit" – second by Valerie D'Anna **Vote: 6 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED.**

Judy Simpson will contact Mrs. Swinik and give her the okay to start getting the purchase arranged.

An earlier motion made by Ann Conroy regarding the purchasing of new equipment was rescinded.

**High School PBIS Program -** Priscilla Altorelli motioned - If the High School uses the theater as a reward for students in the PBIS Program they must be accompanied by at least 2 adults the evenings movies are shown. Second- Valerie D'Anna. **Vote 6 YES 0 NO 0 Abstained.**

Motion made to adjourn at 6:25 pm by Linda Bellavance, second by Kim Osgood

**Vote: 6 YES 0 NO 0 Abstained**

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda Bellavance*

Secretary