



# *Town of Seymour*

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## CULTURE & ARTS COMMISSION

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Meeting March 13, 2012

Seymour Town Hall

7:00 PM Flarety Hall

Those in attendance: J Simpson, L Bellavance, A Conroy, M Barbin, K Osgood, P Altorelli

Christopher Sumrel, Brian Zullo, Robert Barbieri, Melissa Paynton,

J Swinik, Meghan Tarby, Christine Caprilozzi, LT. Paul Satkowski,

Pam Dawkins, Robert Pieper, First Selectman Kurt Miller

**Public Comment:** Pam Dawkins representative for Guitar Fixer Bob, Knights of Columbus tenant, spoke in regards to the theater marquee restoration and asked how it interferes with the business. Commission chair, Judy Simpson, assured her that work would be completed in a timely manner and patrons would always have access to the business during renovations. Any insurance concerns would need to be discussed with Knights of Columbus as they hold insurance for the building.

Brian Zullo, former Seymour resident, presented to the Commission plans to bring live entertainment to the Strand. He would work with a theater group who would put on 3 stage shows during a calendar year making a donation to the theater's restoration fund for the use of the theater. He was asked to put together some concrete ideas and dates and present them at the next meeting with hopes to possibly begin this summer. Jeri Swinik, theater manager suggested that the Commission choose 1 wknd a month through-out the year for theater productions and movies could run other 3 wknds, Scheduling both movies and stage shows would be an easier tasks if wknds were designated for one or the other.

Robert Barbieri discussed "Cruise Night s" with LT Satkowski for the June '12 First Saturday and September '12 First Saturday. Streets will be closed at 4:30 with police posting signs earlier in the week. Cars will be kept away from center of intersection and also parked in Pawn Shop and Auction Lots. Kim Osgood will design (50) Dash Plaques w/ Lions Club.

Selectman Miller asked for a schedule to be sent to Town Hall with all our events listed to be posted on a "Master Town Schedule".

**Meghan Tarby:** On First Saturday of June, she will be doing a children's play -Friday night 7:30 pm and a matinee on Saturday afternoon at 1:00 pm. The Church will be holding services on Saturday evening due to Founders' Day the following day. Burlesque is scheduled for June 29 & 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:00PM. She reported that she had been contacted from Oxford Culture and Arts Comm. to rent theater for performances. They were told to contact Judy Simpson. Meghan announced that Erin Moffet's second run of her production of "A Bucket List of Broken Dreams", will be donating \$1,000.00 the Strand's Restoration Fund.

**Strand Theater:** Jeri Swinik, theater manager, requested that the cleaning company clean the side lights in the theater. Kim Osgood will get a price from cleaning company for a thorough spring cleaning inside the theater.

February sales \$3,969.00 total-                      \$1/673.00 candy sales                      \$2,286.00 ticket sales

\$ 733.00 was made at the live production of "A Bucket List....

A letter was received by a magician by Jeri asking the use of the theater, he was directed to contact Commission. Southern CT Cricket Assoc. interested in renting theater for a breakfast and the watching of a DVD, They will pay rental fees accordingly to the rental price list with funds going into Strand regular account. Ms. Swinik also reported that the St Sebastian Club would like to do an advertisement to be played at the theater before movies, she will discuss prices with them and get back to Comm. Commission members felt that was good money making venture for the theater.

Ms. Swinik reported that the part-time projectionist has been selling movie posters. She suggested that any funds made be split with him for the cost of his time. All Commission members agreed.

**Quarterly Report:** First Selectman Miller addressed the following: Restroom signs have been ordered, general spring clean-up in the theater a good idea, any and all garbage needed to be hauled away will be arranged with Seymour Public Works. It was suggested that anyone using the theater take their own garbage when leaving. Priscilla made a motion that we lease debit machines for the theater for a 6 month trial period, second Kim Osgood **Vote: 4 Yes 1 No 0 Abstained** Selectman Miller approved of suggestions #1,2,5,6,7,9, Items # 4 & 8 need further discussion.

Linda Bellavance will call to get price in getting a new phone line (2) for debit machines.

**Treasurer's Report-** Priscilla Altorelli reported that to date we have \$14,315.09 in our account.

See attached.

**Secretary's Report-** Motion made to accept Minutes as presented by Priscilla Altorelli, second by Mary Barbin **Vote: 4 Yes 1 Abstain**

**Summer Concert Series:** Valerie D'Anna to get dates from Jack Ahearn for children's performance at the Park. Kim to do Concert Flier, Mary Barbin to get contract to Christine Battis for Flashback to write \$1,000.00 Grant for Matthies Foundation Grant for 2013 Concert Series.

**Chairman's Report-** Marquee up-date- Work to start on or about April 1, 2012. Timeline of work approx. 1 month, roof to be replaced mid-project. Paperwork signed by Knights of Columbus.

Linda asked to contact Dragon Flies for spring flowers planted in 4 buckets and at the Strand Theater.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Linda Bellavance at 9:10 PM, second by Kim Osgood.

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda Bellavance*

Secretary

## EXPENDITURES SINCE FEBRUARY 14, 2012 MEETING

1250.00 K of C Rental March  
412.30 CL&P Feb.  
1153.21 K of C Oil  
500.00 P.O. 79040 Kerry Boys  
50.00 P.O. 79041 Arrow Printers  
50.00 P.O. Seymour Lions Club  
425.00 P.O. 79088 Bantam Band  
3840.51

## CURRENT BUDGET BALANCE

3750.00 Rent  
3053.45 Purchased Services  
532.81 General Supplies  
100.00 Building Improvements  
4422.91 Electricity  
2455.92 Other Utilities  
  
14315.09 Total