

**SEYMOUR CULTURE AND ARTS COMMISSION**

**MEETING 11/10/2015**

**SEYMOUR TOWN HALL**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Judy Simpson Kim Osgood Valerie D'Anna Ann Conroy

Priscilla Altorelli Linda Bellavance Mary Barbin

**Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm**

**Public Comment:** None

**Secretary's Report:** Sept. 7, 2015 and October 13, 2015 Minutes presented

Motion to accept as presented Valerie D'Anna second Priscilla Altorelli **VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED** Linda Bellavance was asked to sent out letters with gift certificates to the winners of the Trick or Treat Window Decorating Contest. Rita Tottenham Studio took 1<sup>st</sup> place, second place went to Cindi's Hair Company and a tie for 3<sup>rd</sup> was Bette and Ro's on Main Street and Seymour Ambulance. It was reported that between 800 – 1000 children attended. Next year will be the 10<sup>th</sup> Trick or Treat Day and the Commission is planning some new activities. Ideas tabled for a later meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** See Attached. To date balance is \$18,467.05. Motion to accept report as presented by Linda Bellavance and second by Ann Conroy

**VOTE: 5 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED**

**Summer Concerts:** Mary Barbin reported all contracts for the 2016 Summer Concert Series had been sent out. She also stated that several dates and contracts had been booked for the Callahan House.

**Obelisk Unveiling:** Ceremony to be held on Saturday at 6:00 PM (Nov. 14)

Judy Simpson will pick up cookies and cider for event. Committee members asked to be there by 5:30 pm. Crystal Heidman, sculptor, will be asked to say a few words in describing the structure. First Selectman Miller will also be on hand to say a few words.

**Chairman's Report:** Chairman Simpson recently had a meeting with Fred Messoro regarding Culture and Art's possible involvement in the next phase of the Greenway Project at the Fish Ladder. Grants are involved and details at this time are unknown but Crystal Heidman will be contacted to work up a proposal.

**December's First Saturday:** Christmas Tree Lighting will take place at the American Legion Hall with First Selectman Miller saying a few words beforehand. Mr. Miller will proceed to the Legion's yard to light the tree after Santa's portion at the Train Station has completed. The American Legion's Band will play a few Christmas tunes while festivities are going on. Mr. Miller and Santa will arrive on the train at 7:15 pm and Santa will greet the crowd from a podium set-up at the station. The Carolers will begin at 6:30, starting at Zois to avoid the controlled chaos at the Train Station and Bank Street. They will stroll the downtown area till 8:30 pm. Chairman Simpson has arranged for streets to be closed from 6-9 pm.

Kim Osgood has and will put out advertisement for the event.

**Public Comment:** Ann Conroy announced to the Commission that her granddaughter Kathleen Cass had won a True Patriotism Essay contest in Danbury and would be honored at an upcoming ceremony. Mrs. Conroy read to the membership, the winning essay. She was congratulated by the Commission on a great job!

Call for adjournment made at 8:25 pm by Valerie D'Anna and second by Kim Osgood.

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda Bellavance*

Linda Bellavance

Secretary

EXPENDITURES SINCE OCTOBER 13, 2015 MEETING 2015-16 YEAR

\$100.00	P.O. 20863 Nu-Age Design/Plaques for Statues
\$125.00	P.O. 20992 Judy Simpson/Halloween Prizes
\$200.00	P.O. 20869 Linda Bellavance/Office supplies
\$225.00	Total

CURRENT BALANCE

\$18,075.00	Purchased Services
\$392.05	Supplies
\$18,467.05	Total