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SEYMOUR CULTURE AND ARTS COMMISSION SETEMBER 13, 2016 7:00PM SEYMOUR TOWN HALL MINUTES

Those in Attendance: Judy Simpson Mary Barbin Valerie D'Anna Kim Ogood Priscilla Altorelli Ann Conroy Linda Bellavance

Others in Attendance: Sarah Meek, Crystal Heidman, Tori Marsh

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM

Public Comment/ Invited Guests:

Crystal Heidman and Tori Marsh, sculptors who made the Obelisk at Broad Street Park had been called in for advice in lighting the Obelisk at night, all remedies that the Commission has tried failed, in getting the top section of the structure to light up at night. Crystal proposed feeding flexible, flat, LED rope lights through the bottom and affix it to a thin pvc rod that would extend approx. 8 feet to hold the lights in place. She will contact Bill Jarvis to see if he would be available to hard wire the lights to the base of the unit.

Also presented by both Crystal and Tori was a rendition and price list of the next sculpture they are proposing to make to be placed at the fish ladder. Judy Simpson, Commission chair will present to the Board of Selectman the idea and see what steps would need to be taken in approaching the State for permission. It had been stated by Priscilla Altorelli that we might possibly apply for a Matthies Grant to help fund the project.

Sarah Meek from SMS spoke about plans for Middle School Band to lead the Halloween Parade on Oct 29, 2016. Her students will gather at 12:30 at the gathering location of First and Bank Streets. She has encouraged students to dress in costume and Commission Chair Judy Simpson invited the students to take part in the Trick or Treat event if they were in costume. She said that the band consists of approx. 70 children.

Linda Bellavance reported that members of the High School's HOPE Club and junior members of the Lion's Club will help by walking the perimeters of the parade to keep the youngsters contained.

MINUTES: None

TREASUER'S REPORT:

To date \$18,800.00 in account. Please see attached

CONCERTS: A vote was taken to whether or not we omit the second monthly summer Concert, due to lack of attendance. VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO 0 ABSATAINED

Summer Concerts will be held next year on June 3, 2017, July 1, 2017, August 5, 2017 and Sept. 2, 2017.

Various groups were discussed for next year, but all will need to be contacted for availability.

Callahan House events will be held Oct 2016, Dec 2016, Jan 2017, March 2017, May 2017 and July 2017. Entertainment will be determined by availability.

Priscilla Altorelli will hold Book of Contracts to keep track of payments. She will also check into whereabouts of Matthles Grant funds received by the Commission this spring.

SMS Winter Concert Series at Seymour Middle School: Naugatuck Community Band: Oct 22, 2016, Dec 10,2016, March 11, 2017, May 20, 2017, October 28, 2017 and Dec. 16, 2017

<u>CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:</u> Chairman Simpson sadly reported that Mary Barbin had submitted her resignation from the Commission, effective immediately. With much regret, resignation was accepted.

Brick work has begun on the base of the Obelisk at Broad Street Park. A plaque has been ordered and will be installed before the project's completion.

<u>ADVERTISING:</u> Kim Osgood reported that press releases will go out soon for Trick or Treat Day. Linda Bellavance has sent for approval to the Board of Education of flier distribution at the elementary level. Letters to merchants will go out soon.

SCARECROW PROJECT: Committee will assemble on October 1, 2016 at 11:00 am to construct scarecrow decorations through the downtown area. Final locations have been determined to be at Train Station, American Legion, Corner First and Bank Street, Town Hall, Broad Street Park and the corner of Main and Broad Streets.

<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>: Linda Bellavance presented a possible project for the elementary school children with presentation being on a Saturday. Further details regarding a possible date will be discussed at future meeting.

Adjournment of meeting – Motion Valerie D'Anna and second Ann Conroy at 8:52 PM. VOTE: 6 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED

Respectfully submitted,

Línda Bellavance Secretary

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EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST MEETING

\$350.00 P.O. 30095 Naugatuck Community Musicians (Halloween) \$350.00 P.O. 30096 Naugatuck Community Musicians (Christmas) \$150.00 P.O. 30097 Seymour Bd. Of Ed. (10/22 concert) \$150.00 P.O. 30098 Seymour Bd. Of Ed. (12/10 concert) \$300.00 P.O. 30100 Jenica Sedwick (10/30 Callahan House) \$300.00 P.O. 30101 Larry Ayce (12/8 Callahan House) \$200.00 P.O. 30102 Eversource (concert electricity) \$1,800.00 Total

CURRENT BALANCE

\$18,200.00 Contracted Services \$600.00 Supplies \$18,800.00 Total