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SEYMOUR CULTURE AND ARTS COMMISSION

MEETING AUGUST 8, 2017

6:00 PM SEYMOUR FISH LADDER / 7:00 SEYMOUR TOWN HALL

Board of Selectmen Members Present: Karen Stanek and Stephan Behuniak

Others: Crystal Heidman

Commission Members: Judy Simpson, Linda Bellavance, Lisa Cheney, Priscilla Altorelli and Ann Conroy.

Meeting called to order at 6:07 at the Fish Ladder, where members and guests walked the length of the property along the river with Crystal Heidman, discussing where placement of fish schools would be best located. It was also discussed where the placement of the large medallion would go. Crystal will contact the town engineer to review where they will be placed to be sure there are no issues. Meeting was recessed at 6:50 pm and moved to Seymour Town Hall.

Reconvened at 7:15- Seymour Town Hall in the Assessor's Office. All meetings rooms were unusable due to the current renovations at Town Hall.

Those Present; Judy Simpson, Ann Conroy, Lisa Cheney, Priscilla Altorelli, Linda Bellavance

PUBLIC COMMENT; None

SECRETARY REPORT; Motion made by Priscilla Altorelli to accept Minutes from last 2 meetings "As Presented" – Second by Lisa Cheney VOTE – ALL IN FAVOR

TREASURER'S REPORT; Mrs. Altorelli stated that a PO had been pulled for \$300.00 for supplies to be purchased such as printer ink, paper, envelopes etc. Linda Bellavance, Commission Secretary will purchase need supplies as soon as possible. Mrs. Altorelli also informed the Commission that all funds at this time are frozen due to the uncertainty of the State's financial situation. In addition, Mrs. Altorelli informed the members that the Town had taken from our budget an additional \$175.00 to cover the balance of the police coverage that was needed for Seymour Founders' Day. The Selectman fell a bit short in their line item for the police coverage this year. An expenditures sheet was presented (see attached). Motion was made to accept Treasurer's Report as Presented by Linda Bellavance and second by Ann Conroy VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR.

CONCERT SERIES AND EVENTS: Chairman Simpson reported to the Commission issues that were encountered at the First Saturday Concert on August 5, 2017. When the performing group arrived for their set-up that afternoon at approx. 4:00 pm, they found the area which we designate for the stage area, filled with a very large dumpster and a second one only a few feet

away. The entire upper section of the lot was filled with parked cars from the employees at the Seymour Post Office. The group was unable to utilize any area of the lot due to these unexpected issues. It was decided that the only placement area that could be utilized was the front of Town Hall. The band set-up there and a last minute call to the Police Dept., who were extremely helpful, as they came and closed the first block of First Street to cars, so folks could sit in the street facing Town Hall to enjoy the concert. Mrs. Simpson will discuss these issues with both Kurt Miller and the Post Master before our next scheduled concert in September.

Letters went out to merchants asking about participation in the scarecrow display for the fall. The Commission will display the same amount as last year, placing at the train station, the Broad Street Bridge and the front of Town Hall and have asked the merchants to display one in front of their establishments. The Commission will supply merchants with frames and heads, but clothing, stuffing and placement will be up to the merchants. At the time of the meeting, 10 merchants had said they would display a scarecrow!

Diane Ploch from the Waterbury Region Arts and Culture Collaboration will come to our next meeting to discuss our organization becoming a member. Our events then would go out through their advertisement.

ADVERTISEMENT; Member Kim Osgood will be asked to submit an article to the papers for our next concert.

OLD BUSINESS; It was reported to the commission that at the First Saturday festivities in December, neither Judy Simpson, nor Linda Bellavance will be present. All arrangements will be made with involved groups and organizations, with everything in place for a smooth running event. The Seymour Post Office, celebrating their 100th Anniversary, will be open and accepting letters to Santa for mailing to the North Pole! The strolling Carolers will be entertaining all evening, while the Seymour Schools coral groups will also be in attendance singing Christmas Carols. Citizen's Engine will be available selling hotdogs, and visitors will be able to take a horse drawn wagon ride. All proceeds from the wagon rides will go to a local Veteran's group. A local face painter will set-up a tent and a sleigh will be provided as photo opt with Santa for parents to take pictures of their children with Santa.

Chairman Simpson will fill out forms for Board of Education for 2017-2018 concert series at the Middle School.

Plaque has been installed on the Obelisk at the Broad Street Park, unfortunately it has 2 spelling errors and will be redone by the company.

The members of the Commission were asked to plan and decorate the light poles on Bank Street the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

NEW BUSINESS; Lisa Cheney presented a flier from the Valley Shakespeare Festival and asked if the Commission would be interested in having them come to town and schedule a performance. Members felt that the High School might be interested in this. Lisa will check with the High School Administration to see if we should proceed with scheduling in the Spring of 2018. Lisa will also ask Mr. Tom Simonetti , group organizer, to come and speak to the Commission in October.

Ann Conroy will look into borrowing the Santa Sleigh from the Christmas Parade Committee for the photo opt on First Saturday in December. If that does not work out, Lisa Cheney will ask the High School shop class to build one.

Motion to adjourn made by Priscilla Altorelli at 7:43, second by Ann Conroy. **VOTE; ALL IN FAVOR**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bellavance

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Secretary

Seymour Culture and Arts Commission

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EXPENDITURES SINCE MAY 16, 2017 MEETING

\$600.00 P.O. 32573 Nu-Age Design – Plaque for obelisk
\$1,280.08 P.O. 32579 Crystal Heiden – minnows & obelisk lighting
\$1,280.08 P.O. 32580 Tori Marsh – minnows & obelisk lighting
\$400.00 P.O. 32590 Nu-Age Design – 6 new signs & frames
\$1,450.87 P.O. 32797 Crystal Heiden – Osprey Medallion
\$1,450.87 P.O. 32798 Tori March – Osprey Medallion
\$300.00 P.O. 33065 Linda Bellavance – Supplies

\$6,761.90 Total

CURRENT BALANCE

\$876.80 Contracted Services
\$134.20 Supplies

\$1,011.00 Total