

MINUTES: The Arts Commission, Town of Hamden, held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 4, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Activity Room, Miller Library Complex. The following issues were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Mark Peel, Donna Elkin, George Moore, Stacy Sandler, Marita Gargiulo, Tracy Nista, Lisa DeGrand, Lois Jason, Loraine Brown, Deborah Dozier

Commissioners Excused: Evelyn Skelly, Sandy Schiff, Ricardo Henriquez, Derek Mirabilio, Charles Kortsep

Others in Attendance: Michael Nista, Auxiliary Member Steve Graham, ARC Director Mimsie Coleman, Commission Clerk Gerry Tobin

Approval of Minutes

Correct spelling of Etkin to Elkin

Ms. Sandler made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 7, 2012 as corrected. Ms. Jason seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Moore reported for Mr. Kortsep

The balance in the Saturday Series account is \$15,834.53, and the Gift Fund has a balance of \$32,101.90. The Town Line Accounts report is attached to tonight's agenda. The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Old Business

Budget – Ms. Coleman reported that the Commission only requested one change which is an increase in hours for the office. The Mayor approved \$5,000 for the year in the office. Ms. Coleman went before Council and was asked to tell them what she really felt. Ms. Coleman will continue to fight for more office help. Thanks to Matt Fitch, \$5,000 was added to the budget for

movies in the park thanks to Matt Fitch. Ms. Coleman isn't sure the Council will approve it.

Sunday Series

April 22nd is the Trumpet Man performance which was postponed from earlier in the year. Mr. Peel, Ms. Elkin and Ms. Coleman will work.

Ms. Coleman said there is a donation of \$100,000 to a separate gift account. This will be an interest bearing account, and we can spend up to 5% of the last year's total including principal and interest for performers fees for the Sunday Series. The series will be renamed the Peter C. Herreld Sunday Concert Series in his honor. Ms. Jason said the Commission should start planning for the gala that was discussed previously. Ms. Coleman reported that the accountant said that would not be a good idea.

The Salute to Young Artists rehearsal is from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on May 10th. Ms. Brown, Ms. DeGrand, Ms. Elkin, Mr. Peel and Mr. Moore will help. The program will take place on May 18th at 7:00 p.m. A list of young artists is attached to agenda.

Fund Raising Committee Update

Ms. Sandler said it is time to start curbside shopping. Ms. Sandler showed samples of the shelf/frame (\$15), stool (\$8), bird house (\$7), mail/candle holder (\$4), a 3 hook coat rack (\$8) and a duck tissue box. These will be made by the high school students. Each was priced to include materials and assembly. There was discussion on how many of each the Commission should order. Funds to purchase the above items will come from the Saturday Series Account. The items will be sold at a silent auction. Artists will be able to put business cards to advertise. Invitations will go out to the Commission's mailing list.

Ms. Nista made a motion to advance \$425 to purchase the unpainted items. Ms. Gargiulo seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Ms. Sandler showed two sizes of posters for the bus trips. The Connecticut shoreline trip Springtime in New England will be held on Saturday 5/19/12 at a cost of \$139. A trip to the Goodspeed to see Carousel will take place on Wednesday, July 18th at a cost of \$99.

Trips to Salem in October and Newport at Christmas are coming up.

Summer Concerts –

The opening act committee has determined the following:

Doo Wop – Wing It

NRBQ – Washboard Slim

Southside Johnny – Remember September

Chuck Negron – Dizzy Fish

Ms. Coleman said Fund Raising news is not good. The New Alliance Foundation is no longer participating. Ms. Coleman is looking for ideas.

Ms. Coleman announced that the U. S. Army swing band will perform at the fireworks. They will do patriotic music and swing. We will need to pay for transportation – about \$450.

Ms. Sandler made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Peel seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk