

Arts Commission Minutes
Meeting of Wednesday, July 3, 2013
7:00 P.M.

Commissioners in Attendance: Charles Kortsep, Stacy Sandler, Donna Elkin, Lois Jason, Tracy Nista, Lisa DeGrand, Cheryl Riello, Loraine Brown, Sandy Schiff, Janet Hunter

Commissioners Excused: Debora Dozier, Evelyn Skelly, Jim Brewster, Ricardo Henriquez Marita Gargiulo

Other in Attendance: Director of Arts, Recreation & Culture Mimsie Coleman, Auxiliary Member Steve Graham, Commission Clerk Gerry Tobin

Call to Order
Ms. Jason Called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes
Ms. Nista made a motion to approve the minutes of June 5, 2013. Ms. Sandler seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Treasurer's Report
Mr. Kortsep reported that as of 6/25 there is \$34,770.13 in the gift fund and \$17,264.66 in Saturday series. Page 2 of the handout is a report on the town lines.

Old Business

Summer Concerts

The hospitality committee met prior to this meeting, and Ms. Jason said we are in pretty good shape. The weather looks good. Ms. Sandler distributed commissioner buttons, 2 to each of the commissioners. Ms. Coleman distributed lanyards with ID cards for commissioners for the Zombies. These will change for each concert.

Ms. DeGrand will pick up the first load of ice. Ms. Richards will be bringing his large coolers. A sign up sheet was passed around. The Zombies plan to leave for dinner at 5:00 p.m. after their sound check at 4:00. Their schedule shows load in at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Kortsep and Mr. Graham will work on the field with Ms. Coleman. Ms. Schiff asked about walkie talkies, but commissioners said they will use cell phones.

Commissioners collect money and hand out flyers prior to the concerts. Only commissioners collect on behalf of the commission. Stacy wrote up something on the concerts for the Facebook page, which she read to the commission for their approval. George Moore is coming to emcee the concerts. Before the opening act is announced, he will mention the collection. George will announce prior to the opening act that commissioners will be out there, and remind the audience again at 8:00 when the opening act is supposed to be off he stage.

Ms. Coleman will email Clean & Green commissioners regarding cleanup.

Ms. Coleman reminded commissioners that United Illuminating is bringing their table. They donated \$5,000 and will be given the opportunity to speak at the concerts because of the joint program with the Town encouraging people to switch to natural gas.

Hospitality Report

Ms. Jason said Stop & Shop gave her a \$50 gift certificate. Shop Rite also gave a gift card. Staples manager Hamden resident Rob Vanacore gave her \$60 in Staples money and she purchased water. Ms. Schiff is stopping at Toninos and Ms. Jason stopped at Giovanni's. BJs gave us a \$25 gift card. Ms. Schiff said Costco of Waterbury donated \$25 and she is waiting for Costco Milford.

Rack Card Distribution

Ms. Coleman distributed a list of local businesses that have been approached to display rack cards. There was discussion on additional locations to approach. Ms. Elkin will do the businesses on Broadway. Ms. Jason approaches Whitneyville locations, Whitney Donut, Corner Deli, and Apex.

Adjournment

Ms. Nista made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Sandler seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk