

SOMERS CULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
PIEDMONT HALL JUNE 10, 2024 7:00 p.m.

Present: Pat Bachetti, Yvonne Besse, Neil Connell, Eileen Fedorowich, Dan Fraro, Lynne Goss, John Kelleher, Ann Levesque (chairperson), Dave Marti, Tim Simone, Gail Tishler

Absent: Giselle Genece

Call to Order: members saluted and pledged our flag. Ann called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Reports from April and May were presented with the addition of Tim Simone's name to those present at the May meeting, Pat motioned to approve both minutes and Gail seconded. Approved. There was no correspondence at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Terri presented a crystal financial report. The proposed budget was discussed and Dave motioned to approve with Tim moving to second. Approved. There were no bills for approval.

Some discussion on holding a children's concert going forward. Would like to reach out to the smaller kids with a fun concert next year. More discussion to follow.

Old Business: Ann thanked Dave for his assistance in getting a water cooler for Piedmont. It has been installed and working well. It has both hot and cold water features. The cooler is 5 gallons instead of 5 lbs as stated.

Neil spoke about the upcoming Art Show in September. The opening reception is Sept 15, 1-3 p.m. with the show running from Sept. 15-29. The juror will be Barbara Lucier from East Hamden. Entry forms will be available-Ginny will do FB and Kim the town website. The committee will meet July 12th at 9:00 a.m. Neil reported on the very successful Photography Show in May with 170 visitors, 67 photos and wonderful responses from visitors. Need for mailing issue to be addressed as some folks don't have email. Decided to do both mailers and email going forward. Neil thanked Tim for the video he graciously filmed. Tim would like to get it on FB and will reach out our FB gal Ginny to see the process. Thanks to Ginny for putting the photos of the winners from the show on FB. Discussion of cutting out one day and doing just Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Eliminate Thursday. Do we do Thursday evening? For further discussion for next year's shows.

Tim spoke about the "Open Mic" idea and possibilities. The Blake Room at the library would be available but limited time frame. Having it at Piedmont 7-9 on the 4th Saturday of each month beginning in October. Dates discussed: Oct.26, Nov 23, skip Dec, Jan 25 and Feb 22. Tim said he would reach out to Bob Hall who is involved with the high school for possible student interest and contact. Advertising is important for this event. People could bring their own snacks or have something simple there. More discussion in moving forward; members excited with the idea.

Tim also discussed "computer share ideas". He explained the Drop Box of which would only be for the commission. Emails would have access and would need a password. Terri offered to be a backup administrator. More information and explanation at September meeting.

The "patches" or replacement stickers for the summer concert posters are available and need to be done. Lynne, Gail, John, Pat will assist on Wed June 12th so signs can be put out in the community.

The old tree which stood in front of Piedmont will be replaced with a fresh, small one. The tree roots will be removed shortly.

Regarding the Piedmont porch- as soon as school is out the scouts will paint it. Will be done by June's end.

All but 2 contracts are out for the summer concerts. The issue with weather for the Windham Band on July 4. If held at green need to transport 90 chairs to accommodate them. Also, a problem with parking as large crowd and holiday. Could hold it at the high school. They already have the chairs, parking and the cost of the janitor. Rain or shine, discussion leaned toward the high school. Dave motioned to hold it at the high school with costs for 4 hours. Dan seconded. Approved. The Windham Band with 70-90 members at the high school on the 4th!!

New Business: Commission running into storage problems for all our signs for the concerts. Terri searched for a container(storage unit). Ann checked with Donna at the senior center for room on the side of outside building for small unit. Approved by center. Dave motioned to purchase such a unit for \$200 or less and Eileen seconded. Approved by members.

Ceiling at Piedmont has many water-stained ceiling tiles in need of repair. Todd Roland is aware per conversation with Terri.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50.

Next meeting will be held on September 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Bachetti, secretary

Minutes not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.