

RECREATION & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES COMMISSION

MINUTES

Special Meeting

August 2, 2012, 7:30 PM

Community Center

CALL TO ORDER 7:36 PM

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

PRESENT: Juan Arriola, Eleni Yanouzas, Mark Davis, Angelika Hansen, Gordon Hansen, Gay Wagner, Ed Burchfield (arrived 8:18, excused, delayed in traffic)

ABSENT: Marc Ayotte, Matt LaFontaine (both unexcused), Troy Lake (excused)

AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS

None

MARY OLIVER, Director of Windham Arts, presentation moved to top of agenda to allow Mary to present and then depart.

- Windham Arts is a state-designated regional arts agency, for 10-town area
- Membership is \$25 per year per organization or individual artist/citizen
- Operates website for posting a creative Directory of members and regional resources
- Can also help as 501©(3) to be funding/grant conduit for member organizations
- Motion by Gay second by Gordon; vote unanimous for Rec Commission to become a member of Windham Arts

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of May 24, 2012

Motion to approve by Gay, seconded by Eleni, unanimous yes vote to approve

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from Thayne Hutchins requesting the Rec Commission coordinate a "Hampton's Got Talent! Show at the Community Center.

Motion by Gay, seconded by Angelika to do so. Unanimous yes vote.

Gordon and Eleni to coordinate and build a committee, including Thayne. Date of November 4 at 2 pm to be publicized via email, Gazette, and High Road publications

2. Letter from Kathi Newcombe (writing as a citizen) criticizing Rec Commission for lack of transparency and failure to approve actions by votes, threatening a complaint to the state Freedom of Information Commission. No members present could recall such events. Mark will call Kathi and open a dialogue to learn more specifics about her concerns.

OLD BUSINESS

- Town budget approval for Rec Commission – town referendum passed, including Rec's request for \$3550 to support various activities, as detailed in the Rec budget submitted to the Town in the spring. Mark will write a letter thanking the Selectmen for their support.
- Report on Memorial Day BBQ – we cleared \$1039.41, thanks to hard work of many, led by Juan Arriola and Laura Petix. Chicken-grilling frames need to be rebuilt or refurbished. Juan and Dan Meade will present a materials budget in

September for Rec's approval

- Report on Windham Band Concert – about 75 people attended. \$500 stipend from the Town, \$20 in soda sales, one \$50 donation.
- Report on Shakespeare performance of Midsummer Night's Dream – About 100 people attended. \$1000 stipend from the Town covered the fee to the Flock theatre. \$375 was donated by attendees, which will cover cost of programmes and post-performance cookies and sodas for the cast.
- Discuss and take action on contract, payment and performance planning for Joseph Firecrow (website: www.josephfirecrow.com) – Juan will book the date of Sept. 22 to be posted on the website and will work with the performer to execute the performance agreement developed by Mark with help of the Town Attorney, for use with the various artists the Commission brings to town to perform. Juan will write an article for the Gazette and will provide it to Gay so that she can solicit the outlets on our media list. Juan has solicited \$300 in anonymous gifts to make up the performance fee Mr. Firecrow requires.

NEW BUSINESS

- Discuss and take action on fall program schedule. All items are included in Rec budget developed last spring and submitted to the Selectmen during the town budget process.
 - Sept 3 – concert The Hoolios
 - Sept. 22 – Joseph Firecrow, Native American drummer and flutist
 - Oct 26 – Saarlands Mandolin orchestra, community dinner and concert, PHHS auditorium Angelika to coordinate accommodations and other arrangements for the orchestra's visit
 - Oct 28 – pumpkin carving. Gay to seek hayride provider
 - Oct. 31 – the usual candy treats at the Community Center and “Witch Beverly” telling fortunes inside
 - December 1 – tree lighting and caroling
 - December 8 – renaissance Revival concert, at the Congregational church
 - Dec. 15-16 – Christmas play (motion by Gay, second by Juan, unanimous yes vote.
- Discuss and take action on resignation of Kaye Johnson and future financial record keeping – motion by Ed, seconded by Gay unanimous yes vote to acknowledge with great thanks Kaye's service as Rec treasurer. Discussion followed to consider retaining a paid treasurer or to try to recruit a new Commission member willing to fill that function. The town statute establishing the Commission does not specify any requirement for a treasurer or treasurer function.
- Presentation by Mary Oliver, new Director of the regional arts organization WindhamArts [moved to beginning of the meeting]

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Ed, seconded by Gordon, unanimous.
Adjourned 9:07