

STRATFORD ARTS COMMISSION

Regular Meeting – May 14, 2014

MINUTES

The Stratford Arts Commission conducted a Regular meeting on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 pursuant to notice duly posted.

Members Present:

Edward Goodrich, Chair
Bruce Hirsch (arrived at 8:20)
Bill Franz (Alternate for Kent Miller)
Ellen Cox
Lou De Cilio (Alternate for Frank McLaughlin)
Rich Fredette

Others Present:

Margo Paquette, Secretary
Pete Donohue
Steve Bilodeaux
Pete Rodrigues
Keith Gorlo

I. Call to Order - Meeting called to order by Ed Goodrich at 7:10 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting 04/09/14 – Lou De Cilio moved to accept the Minutes from the Regular Meeting 04/09/14; seconded by Bill Franz. Motion carried unanimously.

Lou De Cilio moved to go out of order and move **VI. New Business** items up in the order; seconded by Bill Franz. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. New Business

- a) **Jim Lutian Memorial Bench** – Pete Donohue requested to address the Commission, which the Chair granted. The Commission was briefed on the continuing efforts being made for a memorial bench to be placed somewhere on the theatre grounds in Jim Lutian’s honor.

Lou De Cilio moved to forward the Jim Lutian Memorial Bench to be placed on the theatre grounds to the Town Council for further consideration; seconded by Bill Franz. Motion carried unanimously.

- b) **2nd Annual ShakesBeer Festival** - Steve Bilodeaux, Pete Rodrigues, and Keith Gorlo requested to address the Commission, which the Chair granted. They expressed their hopes to hold a 2nd Annual ShakesBeer Festival on the theatre grounds on August 23, 2014, and briefed the Commission on their tentative plans.

Lou De Cilio moved to forward the 2nd Annual ShakesBeer Festival on the theatre grounds on August 23, 2014 to the Town Council for further consideration; seconded by Rich Fredette. Motion carried unanimously.

- c) **Any other business as may be added to the agenda by motion as permitted by law** – no items added

III. **Communications/Reports/Announcements** – Festival 2014 – Efforts are ongoing

IV. **Financial Report** – The town Finance Department reported to the Chair that the Arts Commission current funds total \$2000.00. Discussion followed regarding the need for more stringent accounting procedures.

V. **Old Business** – **Connecticut Free Shakespeare Contract** for performances for Festival 2014 on the grounds of the Shakespeare Theatre between July 30th and August 3rd.

Lou De Cilio moved to forward the **Connecticut Free Shakespeare Contract** for performances for Festival 2014 on the grounds of the Shakespeare Theatre between July 30th and August 3rd to the Town Council for consideration; seconded by Rich Fredette.

Bruce Hirsch moved to amend the motion by changing the words “for consideration” to “with a favorable recommendation”; seconded by Bill Franz. Motion carried 4 to 2; Lou De Cilio and Rich Fredette opposed. Amended motion carried 4 to 2; Lou De Cilio and Rich Fredette opposed.

VI. **New Business** - See above

VII. **Adjournment** – Lou De Cilio moved to adjourn; seconded by Bruce Hirsch. Motion carried unanimously at 8:50 pm.

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