

MINUTES OF WORKSHOP

SHAKESPEARE SUBCOMMITTEE

JUNE 9, 2016

THE SHAKESPEARE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE CONDUCTED A WORKSHOP MEETING ON THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2016 IN ROOM 213 OF STRATFORD TOWN HALL, 2725 MAIN STREET, STRATFORD, CT PURSUANT TO NOTICE DULY POSTED.

I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:10 p.m.

PRESIDING: Chairman Beth Daponte

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Council Members Philip Young, Beth Daponte; Electorate Members: Ken Tigar, Peter Wood, Edward Goodrich, Tom Yemm, Jancee Pust-Marcone

II. DESIRES OF SUBCOMMITTEE — Ms. Pust-Marcone facilitated the workshop using group themes and priorities for the following categories:

Production

Non-classical productions, summer festivals, music, concerts, opera, Fall/Winter Arts festival, multifaceted location, touring groups, 75-mile radius of NYC. The consensus of the subcommittee considered “Honoring the name of Shakespeare” as the number 1 priority for this category.

Community

Groups for Art shows and events, meeting venue, shops, restaurants, lodging, regional audience development. The consensus of the subcommittee considered “local groups and use of the lobby” as the number 1 priority for this category.

Organization/Structure

Artistic director, not-for-profit (C3), executive director, producing director, management team, board of directors, private developer, Liaison to Town Council, outreach. The consensus of the subcommittee considered “not-for-profit status and directorship” as the number 1 priority for this category.

Funding

State funding, seed money, town capital, grants, foundations, not-for-profit, raising funds for educational programs, ticket sales, tours. The consensus of the subcommittee considered “through agency, state funds and grants” as the number 1 priority for this category.

Building needs

Reconfiguring the stage which will accommodate small and large stage, technical needs, seats, lights, safety, outside use of the Park, parking, code updates/issues, rehabilitation of the theater, back stage renovations, rehearsal space, office space, rehabilitation over a 5-year period, State historical preservation, historical significance, The consensus of the subcommittee considered “stage, parking, lighting, safety” as the number 1 priority for this category.

Education

Venue for University use, outreach to local academia, use for lecture series, educational programs, dress and costume making, School plays. The consensus of the subcommittee considered “Stratford Academy and University Education programs” as the number 1 priority for this category.

Additional discussion went on re: priorities, vision, clarify organizational structure, summer production company, remaining town budgeted funds for the theater. The committee will interview potential Arts Coordinator. The building tour will take place June 16 at 5:00 pm.

III. ADJOURNMENT —Hearing no additional business, Ms. Daponte adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Carol Cabral, Secretary