

# Newtown Cultural Arts Commission

## June 23, 2015

### Meeting Minutes

The Newtown Cultural Arts Commission held a meeting on Tuesday June 23, 2015, at Town Hall South.

**Members Present:** Robert Rabinowitz, Laura Lerman, Robert Kaiser, Jen Rogers, Donna Randle, Jen Cebry

**Members Absent:** John Conk, Andrea Spencer, Donna Mangiafico

**Auxiliary Members:** Terry Sagedy, Elaine Barbara

**Guests:** Michelle Tenenbaum

Laura Lerman called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

- Minutes: Minutes of May 26, 2014, NCAC meeting, approved unanimously
- Officers Report:
  - Laura Lerman (Chair):
    - Laura & Terry met re: Wayfinding grants/Sandy Hook
  - Andrea: Absent
  - Robert R: Nothing to report
- Treasurer's Report (Donna Mangiafico)
  - Written invoices needed for services
- 2015 Arts Festival (Terry Sagedy):
  - Sponsor Brochures are available
  - NYA has agreed to be the location for the Children's Arts Party
  - Partnering with Reach for Art related activities at car show
  - Lantern parade in planning
  - Working on ideas with Newtown Film Festival
  - Wordsmith Wednesdays
  - Improv night
  - Other weekend and Friday night activities are being planned
  - Live at Edmund town hall
  - Town Players (opening night of Bus Stop)
- NCAC Space Requirements / Community Center (Rob K / Laura)
  - Met with architect
  - Spoke with Community Center Commission
- 2015 Local Arts Agency Census (Laura)
  - Laura will fill it in
  - Deadline for applicants will be August 1st
- Poet Laureate (Laura, Donna M)
  - Met with selectmen, came up with criteria
  - Announcement will be made at Arts Festival
- NCAC Scholarships and Grants (Donna R)
  - Scholarships were presented to Nathyn Horvath and Baxter Hankin Baxter
  - Due 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of August
- Film Festival (Jen R)

- Sunday Cinema Series – 5 films starting this Sunday with Monty Python and The Holy Grail
- Prison Performance (Jen R)
  - Report from Jen on the performance: Creative writing, poetry, play
- Motion by Robert Rabinowitz to reimburse Jen Rogers \$50 for our membership in the Cultural Alliance
- Municipal Gallery & Library Showcase
  - Current showcase is about the book sale -Next will be the Clay Guild
  - Municipal Center – “25 Pictures by Betty Christensen”
- Website (Rob K)
  - Rob bought the template
- Newsletter (Jen R)
  - Next newsletter coming out this week
- Social Media
  - Promoting arts in Newtown and neighboring communities
- Public Participation
  - Michelle:
- Motion Rob K
- Motion Jen J to allocate 4126.43 to the Newtown Arts Festival Budget, seconded Robert R, approved unanimously. Money to go to Durants, Newtown Bee, Spence Sound, Nu Cullers Band
- Other Business
  - None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 23, 2015, Town Hall South Meeting Room (lower level).