

# Newtown Cultural Arts Commission

## August 25, 2015

### Meeting Minutes

The Newtown Cultural Arts Commission held a meeting on Tuesday August 25, 2015, at Town Hall South.

**Members Present:** Robert Rabinowitz, Laura Lerman, Jen Rogers, Donna Randle, Jen Cebry, Andrea Spencer, Donna Mangiafico, Rob Kaiser

**Members Absent:** John Conk

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

**Guests:** Curt Synes, Michelle Tennenbaum

Laura Lerman called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

- Minutes: Minutes of July 28 2015, NCAC meeting, approved unanimously
- Officers Report:
  - Laura Lerman (Chair):
    - Met with Marian Schwinzeman about Newtown Museum concept.
    - Pilobolus
  - Andrea: No update
  - Robert R: Attendance & Membership
- Treasurer's Report (Donna Mangiafico)
  - Budget for coming year
  - Accounts discussion
  - If you need checks by the Festival weekend requests must get to Donna M by September 9<sup>th</sup> at the latest
- 2015 Arts Festival (Terry Sagedy):
  - Signage
  - Lighting needed for Improv Events on 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Laura to provide work lights for Sept 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting House event (and possibly for improv events)
  - Arts Fest Meeting September 8<sup>th</sup> – 7pm – Location TBD
  - Postcards needed for handing out at parade
  - This year we're in partnership with Live at The Edmund Town Hall, Nerd Night, Town Players, Parade, Ben's Lighthouse, Reach Newtown, Newtown Film Festival, Newtown & Danbury High School Poetry Slam, Newtown Friends of Music, Garner Correctional Facility
- NCAC Scholarships and Grants (Donna R)
  - Update on applicants
- Film Festival (Jen R)
  - This year's series has been quite successful... attendance has been great
  - The next films are:
    - Oct 21<sup>st</sup> (Arsenic and Old Lace)
    - Oct 28th (Young Frankenstein)
    - Nov 8<sup>th</sup> (Breakfast at Tiffany's)
    - Dec 13<sup>th</sup> (Sound of Music)
- Library Showcase

- September showcase is Arts Festival events and info
- Municipal Center
  - August show is Aria Brownell
  - In January Flagpole Photographers will partner with the Newtown Animal Shelter to take pictures of the animals and show them to help them get adopted
- Website (Rob K)
  - Rob was absent
- Social Media (Elaine)
  - Arts Festival Arts Festival Rooster has been showing up around town and getting its picture taken for the web.
- Newsletter (Jen R)
  - September newsletter will be focused on the Festival
- Motion to go into Executive session to discuss Poet Laureate by Jen Rogers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Rabinowitz, approved Unanimously.
- Poet Laureate (Laura, Donna M)
  - Motion by Jen J to accept the recommendation of the Poet Laureate committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jen R. Approved unanimously.
- Public Participation
  - Michelle Tennenbaum volunteered to help at Festival Events
- Other Business
  - None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 25, 2015, Town Hall South Meeting Room (lower level).

**Newtown Cultural Arts Commission  
2015 Meeting Dates  
Tuesdays - 7:00 PM**

All meetings to be held at: Conference room at Town Hall South unless otherwise noted

**2015 NCAC Meeting Schedule**

February 3, 2015 (Newtown Municipal Center, Meeting Room 1)  
February 24, 2015  
March 24, 2015  
April 28, 2015  
May 26, 2015  
June 23, 2015  
July 28, 2015  
August 25, 2015  
September 22, 2015  
October 27, 2015  
November 17, 2015  
December 15, 2015