



Minutes

Feb 23, 2010 | 10:00am – 11am | City Hall Auditorium

Commissioners Present: Jennifer Bingham, Diane Consolini, Steve Criss, Lynn Gelormino, Bill Haygood, Jessica Hodorski, Gail Kruppa, Jacque Williams

Members Present: Jerry Davidson, Rose Ponte

I. Call To Order: 10:05am

Motion: Jacque Williams

Second: Jessica Hodorski

II. Introduction/Welcome to Any Visitors

III. Acceptance of previous Meeting Minutes

Motion: Gail Kruppa

Accepted: Diane Consolini

IV. Sub Committee Reports:

A. Mural Project (Rose Ponte)- Rose spoke to Joann Tortie from ASA and she is moving forward and did receive a grant for \$2,500. She wants to do some fundraising events to raise more funds. The project is still on target to start in May and finish by the end of May. Sketches and ideas are in place and so are the students to work on the project. Warner has a spring glass for documentary film making and this would be a great project for the class to work on. Steve will call Joann from ASAP. It was also suggested that if the Libby's building is sold, perhaps something can be put in the sales clause about the mural remaining.

B. Artspace:Torrington (Steve Criss)- Steve reported that snow has delayed a lot of the meetings, but the next phase of the project is putting together a jury panel and an application process. MSMP is the goal for the storefronts to be filled.

C. Main Street Marketplace (Rose Ponte/Steve Criss)- Meetings have been moved to Friday mornings at 9:00am at City Hall. Rose is applying for more awards of excellence for the event. The event is coming along nicely and vendor/sponsorship packages are close to being completed.

D. Singer/Songwriter Network (Jacque Williams)- See Attachment A

V. Open Floor

- An RSS feed is now available on discovertorrington.com. It will help people stay informed from various news outlets about upcoming events in Torrington.

i. Member Updates (What are you or your group working on?)

- Rose encouraged all ACT members to attend the meeting with Governor Malloy and voice concerns about budget cuts this Thursday night at City Hall.
- Steve suggested working on a project that would highlight famous individuals who got their start in Torrington. This would coincide with MSMP and the Historical Society.
- Steve and Jenniger are going to talk to Jack Murphy about his latest Broadway show, Wonderland and see if he is willing to conduct workshops or lectures about the process.
- Upcoming Events: Impact at Nutmeg at the Studio Theatre; Trinity Arts Series: Nutmeg Symphony, Funky Butt Jazz Band, High School Concert. CAFTA Wine Tasting and Auction.
- Jerry suggested that one weekend a year the area churches open their doors for a music festival.
- Studio 59 is opening a downtown location to promote his business.
- Torrington Downtown Partners are hanging historic awning along Water and Main streets.

VI. Upcoming ACT Meetings

- Official ACT Meeting – March 30th 10am – City Hall Auditorium
- Artspace:Torrington Meeting – March 2nd & 16th at 9am – City Hall (Rm 311)
- Main Street Marketplace Committee –March 11th & 25th at 9am – City Hall (Rm. 225)

VI. Call to Close: 11:25

Motion: Jessica Hodorski

Second: Steve Criss

Attachment A

SINGER/SONGWRITER NETWORK MONTHLY REPORT 2/23/11

Current Activities

Weekly performances; T-Place Sports Bar & Grill. 367 Winsted Rd, Torrington, Ct; Monday evenings 6 to 9pm
Cilfone's Eastside Cafe; 823 New Harwinton Rd, Torrington, Ct; Friday evenings 8 to 11:30pm.

Featured guest performers Friday March 4th for the Connecticut Academy for the arts Winetasting event 9 until 11pm. Featured guest performers Saturday, June 25th for "Fisherhouse" fundraiser; Bristol, Ct

Proposed Activities

- "Word-up", a collaboration between the singer/songwriter network and the Torrington libraries' "Writer's Circle" will commence on tuesday's in March from 7 to 10pm @ Nirvana Health and Juice Bar, Main st in Torrington.
- A copyright workshop will be held in March by singer/songwriter Joey Sexton @ The Connecticut Academy of the arts to illustrate how , why, and what the process is for copyrighting compositions. Date and time T.B.A.
- The singer/songwriter is very honored to have acquired the services of Mr Jason Jasch. Jason has donated his time and energy as a native torringtinian to do pro-bono design work for the network in an effort to help us launch our new logo.