



MINUTES

November 24, 2010 from 10:00am-11:00am
City Hall; Rm 224

Commissioners Present: Diane Consolini; Steve Criss; Lynn Gelormino; Jessica Hodorski; Gail Kruppa; Jacque Williams;

Members Present: Bill Haygood; Rose Ponte; Marlene Carrier; Jerry Carillo

I. Call to Order: 10:07

Motion: Steve Criss

Second: Jacque Williams

II. Introductions

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes-Approved

Motion: Jacque Williams

Second: Lynn Gelormino

IV. Sub Committee

A. Light-Up Main- Beginning at Coe Memorial Park

- Brazen Betties Artisan's Bazaar from 3:00 to 7:00 PM @ Coe Memorial Park;
- Torrington Library Story Time for Kids at 5:00 PM @ Coe Memorial Park;
- Hot Chocolate and Popcorn provided by PAL @ Coe Memorial Park;
- Luminary Lit Paths sponsored by Valerie Manor @ Coe Memorial Park;
- Carol Singing and Lighting of the Coe Memorial Park Tree at 5:30 PM;
- Procession up Main Street led Mary, Joseph and their donkey. Presented by the Torrington Cluster of Roman Catholic Parishes;
- Nutmeg Ballet's Nutcracker excerpt;
- Lighting of the City Hall Tree at 6:00PM;
- Live Nativity at Saint Francis Church. Sponsored by the Torrington Cluster of Roman Catholic Parishes;
- Lighting of the Christmas House at 6:15PM.
- Pastoral Center's Nativity Collection Display with hot chocolate and live animals (next to St. Francis Church);
- Rocket Street Fine Food; Kurt's Hot Dogs; Soup Kitchen's Cider and Hot Chocolate;
- ACT Ugly Christmas Sweater Party @ Bogey's. Featuring live holiday music, holiday cocktails and appetizers. More information reverse side!
- Reibman's Free Face Painting for Kids from 6:00-8:00;
- Bender's Showroom Ginger Bread Man decorating from 3:00-5:00;
- CAFTA Holiday Stocking Decorating contest from 3:00-5:00;
- Extended Store Hours:Nutmeg Conservatory Dance Shop; Remember When; Platinum Salon; Reibman's; Sense and Sensibility.

B. Mural Project: Joann from ASAP wrote a grant to the community Foundation to help find the program. The Foundation's grant committee meets on Tuesday to determine the grant results.

- C. **Artspace:** Steve reported that he, Lynn, and Jacque had a very productive meeting with the Downtown Partners. The press from the meeting reached a large variety of people, who contacted Steve about the project. Steve would like to put together an official committee to promote the artisan and residents program and the art gallery space available. Committee Members: Rose Ponte, Gail Kruppa, Jacque Williams, Lynn Gelormino; Julia Sloan.
- D. **Main Street Market Place:** Steve reported that the first meeting for the 2011 MSMP is January 5th at 9:00am. The Committee is: Steve Criss, Jessica Hodorski, Rose Ponte; Lynn Gelormino; Jacque Williams; Diane Consolini; Julia Sloan. Lynn mentioned that the Baseball Haven/ Torrington Titans would like to premier their independent film at the Warner during MSMP and possibly the Mural Project film as well. The committee will talk about logistics and everything at that first meeting. As an important note, MSMP won the Economic Development State Award for 2010!
- E. **Singer/Songwriter:** Network expanded to performing at Cilfone's Cafe (on Friday's); Monday night sessions will expand to open mic with more poetry and lyrics components; Christine Olman will be coming to Warner and is offering three free workshops. Steve suggested that Jacque offer these workshops out to the SSN.

V. Commissioner Spot Open: Bill Haygood is interested in becoming a Commissioners and will send his information to Rose Ponte.

VI. Open Floor

- A. Tom Bott reported on the Membership Committee. ACT cannot have a membership fee unless it's its own 501C3. Tom and Aurora will look into this further.
- B. Mill Town Collective: Steve reported that this is a grassroots marketing effort to promote business coming to Torrington. It also helps local businesses get off of the ground and with other efforts.
- C. Jacque recommended that local arts/culture organizations take advantage of WAPJ to promote events.

VII. Future Meeting Dates:

- A. Official Monthly ACT Meeting: December 29th at 10am-City Hall
- B. Artspace Torrington: December 1st at 9:00am- City Hall; Rm 224
- C. MSMP January 5th at 9:00am- City Hall; Rm 224

VIII. Call to a Close- 10:55am
Motion: Jessica Hodorski
Second: Jacque Williams