

**Arts Commission Minutes**  
**April 18, 2006**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 once a quorum was established (a quorum consists of half the members plus one member)

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

**Attendance**

Present:

Frank Alcorace

Mike Doran

Ty Smith

Nancy Wilcox

Lisa D'Andrea

Margie Paul-Gaston

Absent:

Suzanne Crean

Aldona LaPorta

**Officer's Reports**

Secretary's Report

The corrected minutes of February 21 and the minutes of March 21 were presented. Motion was made to accept the minutes by Ty Smith and seconded by Mike Doran. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report was presented by Lisa D'Andrea including a budget report for the current fiscal year and the upcoming fiscal year as determined by town. There is a need to follow the budget as outlined and record keeping/financial reports should include budget allocations. Motion was made to accept financial budget by Margie Paul-Gaston and seconded by Ty Smith. Motion carried.

**Public Comment**

Dianna Colapinto is willing to assist in any way she can as she is unable to commit to full time on the commission. Dianna has some arts experience and she had presented Frank Hayden with some ideas and a book of display options. Dianna can be reached at [DColapinto@sbcglobal.net](mailto:DColapinto@sbcglobal.net) or (203)723-1201.

**Old Business**

Scholarship Committee

There is a need to improve funding. The scholarship entries are due to NHS Guidance on Monday.

### Senior Event – May 16th

A Musical Social will be held on May 16<sup>th</sup>. The event will be sponsored by the Arts Commission. Allocated monies came to \$200. The Senior Center is looking for talent during the day to entertain seniors in June and throughout the year. Contact Lisa with ideas (cc commissioners). Mike Doran will research the possibility of hiring recital students from Yale.

### Veteran’s Concert – May 26th

Ed Kaminski will be performing. There are 15 acts scheduled. Frank Alcorace is working on posters for the end of April (11x17). There will be an article in the Citizen’s News. Lisa D’Andrea is working with Power Station for sound opportunities. Volunteers are needed.

### Summer Concert Series

Some contracts are in, generated by the performing groups. Contracts were resubmitted. Some groups are on the CT list and thus we may be entitled to reimbursement through grant money. Margie Paul-Gaston reports that public comment includes a concern that the content of the Irish music may be questionable by some citizens (i.e. drinking songs). A request will be made to include a few more ballads by Ty Smith.

It was noted that some members of the commission do not have keys to the power on the Green. The gazebo is now lighted. New members of the commission who need shirts will make a donation of \$25.00; proceeds go to the scholarship fund. Lisa D’Andrea will order new shirts. A person in Charge for each concert was decided. A checklist of things to do and announce will be generated.

No unapproved concessions are allowed on the Green. The Commission will generate an approval certificate to be displayed in order to designate approved groups. Approved groups will be non-profit. Some contacts still need to be made:

Knights of Columbus	Margie Paul-Gaston
The Womens’ Club	Dianna Colapinto
Whittemore Library	Lisa D’Andrea
NHS Band & Choir	Nancy Wilcox
Historical Society	Margie Paul-Gaston

### Summer Sidewalk Art Show

The commission plans to continue the sidewalk chalk art event. Nancy Wilcox has made a request for consideration/more information for an oil can art exhibit.

### Halloween Cemetery Tour

No news.

### **New Business**

### Elections

Nominations for Offices:	Chairman	Lisa D'Andrea
	Vice-Chairman	Ty Smith
	Secretary	Nancy Wilcox
	Treasurer	Aldona LaPorta

All nominations were approved, no abstentions. Vote was taken and motion was carried to accept all nominees as officers pending approval by Aldona LaPorta for the office of treasurer.

#### Membership Recruiting

The Commission needs three more members. Presiding commissioners should recruit possible appointees for review by the mayor.

#### Sign Repairs/Ownership

Ty Smith has completed repairs on the signs on the Green. New letters are needed due to damage and wear and tear of old sets of letters. Mike Doran will be able to transport the sandwich sign which is currently stored in the basement garage of town hall.

Mike Doran and Nancy Wilcox will take over updating the signs on the Green. Ty Smith will train them at 7:00 before the next meeting.

#### Pens

Pens will be handed out at designated scholarship collection concerts. Supply is in short demand. Last year magnets were handed out. Motion was made to allocate \$240 for 500 pens by Marge Paul-Gaston. The motion was seconded by Mike Doran. None opposed. Motion carried.

#### Duck Race – Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

The commission was asked if they wanted to participate with a children's' art activity. The commission felt that this was not feasible at this late date due to prior commitments by arts members. The commission will plan to participate next year.

#### Car Show – August 5th

Bands and entertainment is needed (one band). Mike Doran will get a price for a doo-wop group "Magic Touch". Ty Smith has a DJ for \$350 and will look at other bands. Lisa D'Andrea will check with the Mayoral Aide (Stephanie) for times and slots to fill.

Apparently, a tent was purchased by the commission in previous years but the location of said tent is unknown at this time. Ty Smith will investigate.

#### Harvest Moon Festival – September 15-16

The Scouts have requested entertainment again this year. Possibilities include "Riverboat Ramblers", Sparkles the Clown, Tony C the DJ, the unicycle student from the NHS play and a dunk machine or other idea to raise scholarship money. Ty will research acts and coordinate with Charlie Marengi.

**New Ideas**

Commissioners should email any ideas to Lisa D'Andrea

**Roundtable**

Margie Paul-Gaston reiterated the need for ideas for the Seniors' entertainment. Ty Smith would like new ideas to include MOZART ideas.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Margie Paul-Gaston. The motion was seconded by Mike Doran. The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 P.M.

The next meeting will be held on May 16, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Wilcox, Secretary