

Arts Commission Meeting Minutes  
October 18, 2006

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

**Attendance**

Present:

Frank Alcorace  
Suzanne Crean  
Aldona LaPorta

Margie Paul-Gaston  
Ty Smith  
Nancy Wilcox

Absent:

Lisa D'Andrea

**Officer's Reports**

Secretary's Report

Margie Paul-Gaston made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 15, 2006 meeting. Aldona LaPorta seconded. All in favor, the motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was not available at this time.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Old Business**

Cemetery Tour "Walk and Talk"

Suzanne Crean reported that approximately 45 people attended. The event was successful, profiting about \$162.00. The event was publicized by the Waterbury Republican with photo.

Difficulties included the dark (need lanterns). Next year a microphone will be needed and the Civil War group requires six months advance notice to participate. The event might be held on Saturday/Sunday instead of Friday/Saturday and there needs to be more advertisement. There may be a possibility of schools/field trip connection. There needs to be a formal name for the event and more participants as actors.

The arts commission unanimously supported the idea of repeating the event next year.

### Octagala

This event did not happen on October 8<sup>th</sup> as planned. The day has been changed to November 19, 2006 and is now a trio rather than an octet. The event will take place at the Whittemore Library.

### Senior Center

Marge Paul-Gaston reported that a thank you was received from Harvey Frydman of the Senior Center for posting the Bazaar sign on the Green.

### Photo Contest

The Photo Contest has been advertised in the paper (Citizen's News) and on the website and in Town Hall. Ty Smith has received phone calls about the event. The event will run to November 15, 2006 with a show and judging event to be held at the Historical Society. A reception will be held on December 7, 2006 (Thursday).

An ad in the Citizen's News will incur a charge of \$199.42 for each ad placed. A motion was made by Suzanne Crean to spend \$398.48 for advertising in the Citizen's News. Marge Paul-Gaston seconded. All in favor, the motion was passed.

### Summer Concerts

Ty Smith reported that no audition tapes have been received to date.

### Halloween Party

The Arts Commission will be providing a DJ for the event. We might be able to coordinate for next year with the Cemetery Walk and Talk.

### Battle of the Bands

Ty Smith has completed some research and experienced people have reported an enormous amount of work and expense will be involved, especially with a limited number of commissioners. The event is still considered to be in the planning/idea stages and the idea has been tabled for thought.

### **New Business**

#### "Serious Coyote"

A discussion regarding the possibility of hiring "Serious Coyote" back as teaching artists was presented by Ty Smith. We would not be able to schedule until late spring. Marge Paul-Gaston said she would contact the middle schools to look into possible dates.

### Senior Center

Marge Paul-Gaston will look into ideas for entertainment events with the director.

### Signage

There will be a need to stop the signage ads from December to spring due to freezing and cracking. The back sign on Meadow St. will be empty due to needed repairs. The Church St. sign will refer to the website for information.

November 15: "Our Town" Photo Contest Ends

November 19: Octagala at the Library

December 7: Photo Display at the Historical Society

### **Roundtable**

Suzanne presented ideas of a Murder Mystery Dinner at a local restaurant and will explore possibilities.

Ty Smith presented ideas of a ballroom style dance. We would need a location. There is a possibility of Community Band involvement. Suzanne Crean will discuss with NCB.

### **Adjournment**

The next meeting will be held on November 28, 2006 at 7:30, NOT November 21, 2006 as posted due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Wilcox  
Secretary