

Stafford Arts Commission  
Official Meeting Minutes  
June 21, 2022, 7:00 PM

Town Hall Veteran's Room and online via Zoom

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*Carleton Whaley*  
TOWN HALL VETERAN'S ROOM

Minutes:

1. Call meeting to order
  - a. Carleton made a motion to call the meeting to order at 7:10 pm, Oliver Scholes seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Establish quorum
  - a. All members present, quorum established.
3. Public comments
  - a. No public comments
4. New Membership
  - a. New member Brian Chevalier joined the session, introduced self and welcomed him to the team.
5. Old Business
  - a. Summer initiatives
    - i. Mural
      1. Chris Holguin presented sketches for the mural design. Teri Herel suggested that a color mock-up be produced using one of the sketches, and Oliver Scholes suggested including reference photos to old Stafford Springs postcards.
      2. Carleton Whaley and Chris Holguin pointed out the current obstruction of the mural space by a tree in Haymarket Common. Therefore, the proposal was tabled until contact is made with the town parks department to discuss necessary steps in trimming branches or further action etc.
    - ii. Midnight at 9
      1. Chris Holguin presented sketches for a logo for Midnight at 9, which the commission discussed.

2. Oliver Scholes presented a list of ideal films, including their ratings and year, to be presented to the First Selectman as an example of films to be shown. These are intended for young adult to adult range, all of them being PG-13.

iii. Summer Concert Series

1. Chris Holguin presented sketches for the Summer Concert Series, which were discussed.
2. Andie Jane made a motion to hold monthly open mic nights on available wednesdays throughout the summer. The sound system would be provided either by her or by Carleton Whaley depending on availability. Brian Chevalier seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously. The only reservation is availability of dates for Haymarket Common.
3. Carleton Whaley confirmed the band "The Shoats" had agreed to play in Haymarket Common on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 4:30pm for \$500. Dates and times for further shows to be arranged with Beth Dadalt in the Selectman's Office.

b. Finalize project proposals

- i. Confirmed that our current budget, following the 06.15.22 referendum is \$4000.
- ii. Members discussed mural designs further. Carleton (as per section 6.a.i. of minutes) explained that the mural project would likely require a town meeting, and therefore the proposal required more material. Teri Herel provided cost estimates to Chris Holguin for plywood.
  1. In order to help fund the project, Carleton Whaley proposed contacting businesses and residents in town with connections to Haymarket Common, where the mural will be placed. Michael Farmer volunteered to work with Chris Holguin to do so.

6. New Business

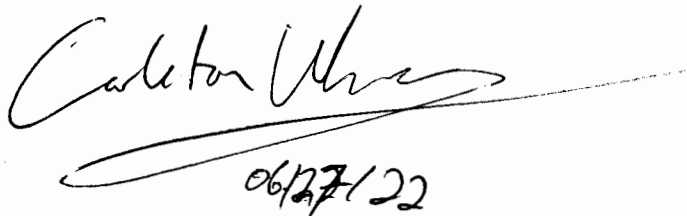
a. Board operations

- i. Carleton reviewed operating procedures of the commission as related to him by the Town Clerk, Karen Troiano. In particular, these operating procedures provided guidance on the mural proposal, and allowed the commission to proceed with plans for the summer concert series and midnight at 9.

- ii. It was determined that, in order to stay on target with summer projects and to plan future initiatives, more meetings would need to be held. Andie Jean made a motion to propose meeting biweekly, alternating normal Tuesdays meetings with Thursday meetings at 7:00pm. Carleton Whaley seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously. Carleton volunteered to email Beth Dadalt in order to reserve a spot in town hall.
- iii. Carleton Whaley made a motion to start a list of non-commission-member volunteers in order to assist with menial tasks in the running of larger or recurring events. Michael Farmer seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

7. Close meeting

- a. Oliver Scholes made a motion to close the meeting at 8:15pm. Chris Holguin seconded, motion passed unanimously.

  
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