

# Meeting Notes Stafford Arts Commission

Regular Meeting, Warren Memorial Hall, Probate Court Room

Tuesday, April 1, 2014, 7:00 PM Eastern

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*Attest*  
ATTEST/TOWN CLERK

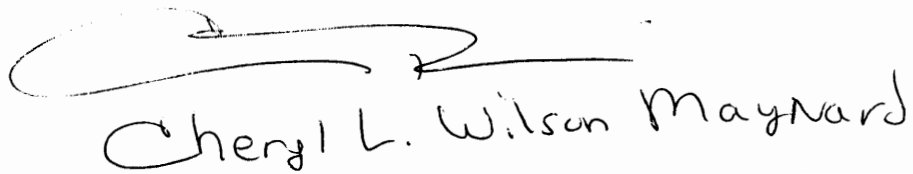
*Voted + Approved*  
*5/6/14*

## Agenda

1. Call meeting to order
2. Establishment of quorum: 7 members in attendance (Cheryl, Paul, Jeff, Florence, Nancy, Richard, Shannon) 2 members of public in attendance.
3. Budget: We submitted budget as voted in prior SAC meeting and discussed plans with First Selectman.
4. Sound person has requested payment for services. Would cost SAC \$600-\$1200/year. Commission member sat in with sound person at the last Coffee House concert to learn the soundboard as a backup.
5. Open board positions: Two positions filled: Richard Sbardella and Paul McNerney. Jackie Sidor has expressed interest in joining and has submitted letter to Board of Selectmen.
6. May 9 fundraiser: Caravan of Thieves filmed a music video in Stafford last year called "Dead Wrong." The cost for staffing the venue on May 9 will be \$300. b. Paul motioned to approve the \$300 spending for May 9 Fundraiser, plus \$100 for promotional fees. Voted, approved and passed.
7. COA grant update: Commission applied for a grant to the Connecticut Office of the Arts to "sustain art in place." Originally did not hear back, but a later email from COA reports that Stafford Arts Commission application was indeed accepted. Decision may be June or July, grant is based upon financial need.
8. Public Relations
  1. Facebook Pages: We are fully utilizing Facebook posts in Stafford Bulletin Board and have noticed an increase in Coffee House Concert attendance as a result.
  2. Email
  3. Windham Arts - Leveraging opportunities to get stories included weekly newsletter.
  4. Other
9. Public Comment: Question on what type of art we are seeking to display at fundraiser – Answer - Local and handmade
10. Summer Concerts: Location- Last year's concerts at Hyde Park had lower attendance than past years. One concern was that stage was set in front of setting sun. Paul is going to look at bleachers to see if that can be changed. Cheryl will check in with local businesses to see if they find it worthwhile to remain open for summer concerts – group will report back on findings and take vote next meeting on venue
  - Jr. Krauss & The Shakes – June 29
  - Acoustic Rick – July 6
  - Wintergreen – July 20
  - Shakedown – July 27
  - Moto – July 13
  - Razzler Edge – August 3
11. Autumn in the Park subcommittee meetings: will table further discussions until after the May 9 fundraiser. Thoughts for next event: Keep Autumn in the Park, but revamp it. Invite crafters, remove jurying. Open call to artists. Submit booth as either novice or advanced, and provide

medium. We need an art wall with pastels and paints for public to create together. Rename the event to Art in the Park. Check to see Historical Society Tag Sale date - perhaps the two events will coincide.

14. Country Dance – Board member attendance and water
  13. March 15 attendance was very good. 9 squares= 48 people.
  14. May 17: We need a SAC member to sell water. Nancy is a maybe. Will check back in next meeting.
15. Coffee House Series – Board member host/food
16. Old business: reviewed Coffee Houses and Country Dance above.
17. New business: May 9 discussion
18. Adjournment: 8:14pm



Cheryl L. Wilson Maynard