

**Town of East Haven, CT
East Haven Arts Commission Minutes
18 March 2013 7PM
200 Tyler St. East Haven, CT**

PRESENT: Chairperson Cindy Genzano PUBLIC: Kari Collins
Commissioner Vincent Tiroletto
Commissioner Ted Salmon
Commissioner Sharon Collins

ABSENT: Commissioner Daniel Schmidt
Commissioner Aquino Valentino
Commissioner Jordyn DiNatale

Chairperson Cindy Genzano called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

ITEM # 1 Approval of minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to call for a vote to approve the minutes by Commissioner Salmon, and was seconded by Commissioner Collins. Minutes were unanimously approved.

ITEM # 2 Nominations and voting for officers

The following nominations for Arts Commission officers were made:
Commissioner Salmon nominated Commissioner Tiroletto for treasurer. This nomination was seconded by Commissioner Collins. A vote was taken and Commissioner Tiroletto was approved for the Treasurer position unanimously. Commissioner Collins nominated Commissioner Salmon for Vice-chairperson. This nomination was seconded by Commissioner Tiroletto. A vote was taken and Commissioner Salmon was approved for the Vice-chairperson position unanimously. The Secretary position remains open as of this date. A motion was made by Commissioner Salmon to table voting on this position and circulating the responsibilities of it through the group until further notice. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion, and upon voting the motion passed unanimously.

ITEM # 3 Chairperson Cindy Genzano updated the Commission on her meeting with the Mayor's office on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at 3:00 PM with Arthur DeSorbo and Frank Gentilesco. The primary topic of discussion was the acquisition of space for rehearsals, performances and construction of sets for the productions. The meeting was focused on acquisition of space for rehearsals and performances of summer youth theater productions. Mr. DeSorbo and Mr. Gentilesco had requested that Chairperson Genzano research costs associated with the use of East Haven High School for set up, tech rehearsals and performances. Mr. DeSorbo offered his services to attempt to acquire grant money for the purpose of easing the financial burden of use of space for these purposes. In addition, Chairperson Genzano was asked to research spaces for rehearsal, in particular the Hagan Library. Use of Tyler St. for any purpose other than storage was ruled out by the Mayor's office. There was some discussion of a space that could potentially be used for set construction on Coe Avenue. Mr. DeSorbo and Mr. Gentilesco said they would look into it.

Chairperson Genzano then reported to the Commission on the progress of the tasks she was given by the Mayor's office. Upon contacting Anita Mancini who books East Haven High School for use by groups, the response was that the high school will not be available for our use during the summer as it will most likely be closed after 3PM every day and it would be extremely expensive to open it for our use. She stated that we could use the Middle school as we did last summer at a cost of \$75 per hour on weekdays and \$125 per hour on weekends.

ITEM # 4 Discussion of Summer Youth Theater Progress

Chairperson Genzano opened the floor for discussion of any items related to the summer theater project. She started with the point that given that the Middle School space is inadequate lighting-wise, the cost seems prohibitive. Vice-Chairperson Salmon asked that we re-approach the high school and ask for an actual dollar amount indicating that in order to get grant money we need numbers. The discussion was tabled until more research could be done.

ITEM # 5 Discussion of Website Proposal

Vice Chair Salmon presented the findings of his research into the creation of a website for the EHAC. He was unable to find a group that would provide an invoice for establishment of a domain. He had emailed a letter to Chairperson Genzano provided by one company that spelled out prices, etc.

Genzano agreed to approach the East Haven Finance Department to find out whether this could function as an invoice.

ITEM # 6 Other Business Coming Before the Commission:

Commissioner Tiroletto spoke of his interest in film and video as well as his eagerness to share resources associated with that media in whatever capacity that the Commission may find helpful.

ITEM # 7 Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of EHAC is scheduled for Monday, April 15, 2013 7PM at 200 Tyler St. East Haven

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Commissioner Salmon. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy J Genzano, Chairperson EHAC