



## CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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### CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

**Tuesday, December 8, 2015, 6:00 PM**

**Artsplace**

**1220 Waterbury Road**

**Cheshire, CT 06410**

**Committee Members Present:** Ophelia Frazier, Leslie Hutchison, Joyce Karklel, Donna Lodynsky, Denise Lohr, Donna Myjak, Youchung Torok, Jackie Townes, Jill Veiga

**Others Present:** Ramona Burkey (Director, Cheshire Public Library)  
Donna Mark (President, Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc.)  
Joan Pilarczyk (Director, Artsplace)  
Patti Flynn-Harris (Representative, Cheshire Town Council)

**1. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** - A quorum was present for this meeting.

**2. CALL TO ORDER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Chairwoman Lodynsky called meeting to order at 6:04 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. WELCOME REMARKS** - Donna Lodynsky, Chairperson.

**4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION** – No Public Communications.

**5. APPROVAL of November 17, 2015 Minutes**

1. 9.d Should have included reference to the poor exterior lighting that was experienced the evening of elections.
2. 9.f should have read Ms. Riccios may hold a workshop at Artsplace.

*Ms. Townes made a motion to accept the November 17, 2015 minutes with corrections, Ms. Torok seconded, and the motion passed.*

**6. TREASURER'S REPORT – Ophelia Frazier**

- a. Ms. Frazier noted that the budget continues on target for the year to date.

*A motion was made by Ms. Myjak to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Ms. Veiga. The Motion Passed.*





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### **7. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Donna Myjak**

- a. No report.

### **8. LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT – Ramona Burkey**

- a. From December 6th to the 12th, 2015 the Library is in the midst of “Fine Amnesty Week”.
- b. There is a fundraiser underway where money can be donated in someone’s name, great opportunity for the holidays as the donation is accompanied by a lovely holiday bag.

### **9. ARTSPLACE REPORT – Joan Pilarczyk**

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk related that the Cheshire Historic District Commission will promote the Kensett Birthday Project by offering a Kensett Commemorative plate to the person with the most correct answers to the questions posed on “Where is Kensett” on the Kensett Birthday Facebook page.
- b. Ms. Pilarczyk mentioned the Cheshire Garden Club’s annual Luncheon and the fact that Mini-Kensett was present during the portion of the program that included Ms. Sylvia Nichols who made floral arrangements, one of which was an interpretation of a Kensett painting.
- c. The Friends group have offered to hire Mr. Joe Trifilo to dress as Kensett and make appearances at Kensett Birthday related events around town.
- d. A long time employee, Ms. Ellen St.Pierre, has recently resigned, and Ms. Pilarczyk thanked Ms. Burkey and Ms. Piedescalzo for helping in the hiring process of a clerk to take her place.
- e. The Town Council is holding a Holiday Thank You Party from 5-7 on December 16th for Town Commissions.
- f. The Cheshire Chamber of Commerce will hold an “After Hours” Event at Artsplace on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016, from 5-7pm. The topic will be Artsplace Programs and the Kensett Birthday Celebration.

### **10. FRIENDS OF CPFA/ARTSPLACE, INC. REPORT – Donna Mark**

- a. No report.

### **11. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. January 9, 2016, from 9am to 2pm, Artsplace will be accepting musical instruments that will be donated to the Waterbury Symphony to be loaned to children taking music lessons.
- c. Ms. Pilarczyk mentioned the Cheshire Garden Club Holiday Luncheon and the beautiful arrangements made by Ms. Sylvia Nichols and she noted that the mini-Kensett doll attended as well. Photos of the event are available on the “Kensett Birthday” Facebook page.





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### 12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk mentioned the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Artsplace. One idea proposed is an art show and bazaar to showcase the art and artists associated with Artsplace and Cheshire.
- b. Ms. Patti Flynn-Harris recommended that an Artists' Cooperative and Artist workshop tour in Cheshire to highlight the local artists would be very beneficial to the town.
- c. Ms. Pilarczyk asked that \$1000.00 from the Gift account be appropriated for audiovisual equipment needed for upcoming events.

*Ms. Hutchison made a motion to use \$1000.00 from gift account for Audio-visual equipment at Artsplace. Ms. Karklel seconded the motion and the motion passed.*

- d. Ms. Flynn-Harris asked about the brochure for the Kensett Birthday Project, as she would like to send it to the Connecticut State Cultural Department. Ms. Mark said that the Friends are currently working on the brochure.
- e. Ms. Karklel spoke briefly about plans for the 2016 Artsday. Ms. Hutchison mentioned that she will be talking to members of the Cheshire Academy Community to work more closely on the project and had some ideas for possible cooperative additions to the program.
- e. Ms. Frazier recommended that members attend the February 18<sup>th</sup> Hartford Flower show.
- f. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at Artsplace at 7:00PM.

### 13. ADJOURNMENT

*Ms. Hutchison made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Karklel seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.*

Respectfully submitted by  
Agnes Wnuk

