

Brookfield Cultural Council
Meeting Minutes, Monday, March 14, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Jennifer Cipro, Bill J. Simpson, Barbara Wilson, Jeanne Lytle (non-voting), Kelly Landine, Janet Seery, David Holdcraft, Sherry Seeton (potential new member)

Regular Business

Reports: Secretary's report was approved and treasurer's report passed over. (BW/JC—unanimous). Thank you to Kate for reporting promptly last month.

Correspondence: Barbara read a letter from the Quaboag Historical Society thanking her for her nomination of Bill J. Simpson for Lucy Stone Award. Also received reimbursement from Yetti Frankel for program at library. (grant)

Ongoing Projects

Annual Report: Has been submitted

LCC: We are all up to date with the state.

Budget Request: Has been submitted at level funding.

New Members: Sherry and Eric Seeton are potential new members. Kelly has sent Donna Neylon a request to ask Selectmen to approve effective immediately for a three-year term.

Upcoming Projects

April: "Hop Into Spring" Egg hunt set for April 23, 10 a.m. to noon. Budget for event set at \$500. (BW/KL-unanimous). Jenn purchased a Easter Bunny costume, tentatively with Bill R. in the suit, and Edie in a toddler Bunny Suit the Simpsons own. Jenn also purchased sacks for sack races. Jenn will speak to Brenda at the library as using the building for a back up should it rain (photos only). If not, we will try and use Town Hall banquet room. Kelly emailed Renee Coro to see if she could play music during event.

May: Memorial Day parade. We have the Tantasqua marching band this year, and Barbara will find out what songs they can do (need two selections, taps, anthem). Barbara also booked the Color Guard from Brimfield. Bill will contact Highlanders. Bill will not be in town during the parade this year. We will again have flags and pins. Jeanne will email Mrs. Gillmeister and find out if homeschooled children would like to enter the contest for parade recitation.

July: Concerts on July 1, 8, 15, 22 with 29 as rain date. No variety half-hour this year. Bill called Heritage String Band, and awaits response. Also discussed, Dave Pike, Shakin All Over and Lori Brooks. If anyone has other suggestions, contact the band, see if they are available and bring info to next meeting.

December: Christmas Luminaries – Jenn and Jeanne reported that Kermit Eaton and John Loveland approached the Common Committee for financial assistance to light the common and areas with luminaries on Christmas Eve. We agreed to offer some help, Jenn will have more details as the come available.

Christmas Banners – Jeanne suggested we look into the Christmas pole banners again. We tossed around the idea of having families and businesses sponsor. Jeanne will get pricing and perhaps samples and we will discuss further next meeting. Bill suggested appropriating \$1000 for banners (second JC, unanimous).

Next meetings: Monday, April 11 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.
Respectfully submitted, Kelly Landine