

**Cape Elizabeth Arts Commission
Minutes – May 11, 2010 meeting**

Present: Ruth Anne Haley, chair; Jay Scherma, Library Director; Wendy Seltzer; Julia Bassett-Schwerin; Doug McFadd; Chris Gebhart; Tina Harnden

Absent: Aaron Mosher

The meeting opened at 7 pm at the Thomas Memorial Library.

Minutes of the April meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Our balance stands at \$250, with no expenses incurred during the past month. It was noted that we should vote at our June 8 meeting to expend by June 30 the remainder of our 2010 budget. We discussed many options including possible film purchases for the library collection. There was much interest in the idea of screening a film or films for the public, possibly even starting a small film festival with the funds. Chris said he would speak with Public Works Director Bob Malley re showing a film/films at Fort Williams (one of several possible locations discussed), and also said he will check on the costs/legal issues surrounding screening rights.

Gallery Receptions: We discussed whether rescheduling the monthly artist receptions from first Fridays (usually) to another night, or later in the month (depending on conflicting holidays/events) may bring in more patrons and/or be more convenient for chaperones. It was decided we would continue to offer exhibiting artists the option of choosing any Friday in the month they preferred, but that hosting a reception on another night of the week was unlikely to boost attendance or be more practical for chaperones.

Town Inventory: Julia was recently assisted in her town art inventory project (the portion of the collection hung in the library) by a Cape Girl Scout troop. The girls took the project very seriously, learned a lot about the artwork and the library, and were very enthusiastic. A special meeting with sculptor Edward Materson was very well received. We discussed ways in which we might share the collection with the public on a more regular basis, perhaps having a dedicated exhibit, and Julia and Doug will coordinate putting together an article on the project for *The Cape Courier*.

Gallery Requests: There were no new requests to review.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

The next meeting of the CEAC will be June 8, 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Harnden
Secretary

