

**Apple Harvest Festival Supervisory Committee
Summary Minutes
November 18, 2010 Meeting
Town Hall Main Meeting Chamber, 6:00 PM**

- **Meeting called to order at 6:06 PM by Chairperson C. Palmieri. All Supervisory Committee members were in attendance with the exception of Fire Chief Clark.**
- **A motion was made to approval previous meeting minutes by Mark Sciota, seconded by Judy Miceli. Motion Passes**
- **No Communications from Committee members.**
- **Public Communications: Pam DePaolo of DePaolo Furniture talked about her non approval of the location for Harvest the Arts. She spoke about items left against the West side of her building. She mentioned Public Safety and felt that Harvest the Arts should be moved to the Barnes Museum property, the YMCA parking lot or Derynoski Middle School. She did not like the placement of “tape sculptures” in the trees along Center Street. She claimed that hundreds of people who came to her place of business following the Festival were upset with the closing of Center Street. She indicated that a ranking fireman and a second fire fighter mentioned that the Festival created a hazardous condition for business owners on Center St. She asked that we work with her and other business owners in 2011 regarding the placement of activities during the Festival.**
 - **John Meyers of the Southington/Cheshire YMCA spoke about the importance of keeping Harvest the Arts as part of the annual Festival. Mary DeCroce indicated that her group would be happy to work with the local business owners in her effort to connect the community with the Arts.**
 - **Art Cyr asked that we supply a financial report when the minutes are reported to the Town Clerks office for public posting. Art suggested that we sell space on the stage for advertising revenue. Mr. Cyr indicated that the Road Race run by the YMCA should pay it’s share of overtime for the Police Dept during that event. He said that runners heading east on Berlin Avenue should be lead by a “motorcycle**

cop”, he also asked if Academy Lane could be closed to traffic so that drivers do not try to cross into the Road Race runners. He asked why the Road Race was not sponsored by an outside interest. He does not think runners should be running on Berlin Avenue sidewalks.

- **Chris Palmieri read into the record 7 letters supporting the Harvest the Arts initiative, including a letter from Mr. Stuart Estra which seemed to better explain the items left on the west side of the DePaolo building and their movement. A letter repudiating the statement regarding “fire safety” issued was read by Mr. Palmieri from Fire Chief Clark.**
- **Jim Champagne briefly summarized plans for the 2011 Festival and thanked all for participating in the 2010 Event.**
- **The Preliminary Financial Report was presented. As a result of the successful 2010 Festival a motion was made to transfer \$50,000 into the Town of Southington General Fund. Motion made by Mark Sciota, seconded by Bill Masci. Motion passed.**
- **Sponsorship proceeds were \$35,000 in 2010.**
- **The Police Department overtime for the Festival was \$44,861.47**
- **The Icon final report was read by Chris Palmieri.**
- **A motion to approve the 2011 Meeting Schedule for the Supervisory Committee was made by Steve Pestillo and seconded by Judy Miceli. Motion Passes. Schedule will be posted at Southington.gov.**
- **Contracts for the “Sponsorship Coordinator” will be offered to Melissa Ericksen and the “Festival Coordinator contract to Jim Champagne.**

- **A motion for an Executive Session for contract negotiation was made by Mark Sciota and seconded by Steve Pestillo. Motion passes.**
- **Motion to adjourn at 8:16 PM was made by Judy Miceli, seconded by Steve Pestillo. Meeting adjourned.**
- **Nest meeting scheduled for December 16, 2010 at 6:00PM, lower meeting room Town Hall.**