

**Hallowell Cultural Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 20, 2016, 6:00-7:00 PM at the Hubbard Free Library**

**Minutes**

Present: Deb Fahy (Chair), Jonathan French (Secretary), Gayle Chung, Richard Bostwick, Bob McIntire

**A. Organizational Updates**

- Harlow Gallery (Deb Fahy): Janet Favor's photograph show, "A Year of Mindfulness: 1 Picture, 1 Poem, Every Day For a Year", will open on Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be a Silent Auction in February as well as the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual "Young at Art" show for young artists in grades K-8.
- Gaslight Theater (Richard Bostwick): "Zombie" will be in April. "Baskerville," a re-telling of Sherlock Holmes will be in mid- June. An Agatha Christie play will be in August, and "The Man who Came to Dinner" is scheduled for Fall 2016
- City of Hallowell (Bob McIntire):\_ Gerry Mahoney has a Hallowell Reading on Saturday, March 12 from 2:00-4:00 PM. Deb will be promoting the event on the Hallowell Arts Facebook page. The Historic Hallowell Committee has been reappointed to coordinate with various individuals that are doing history projects in the City.

**B. Events**

- Hall Dale High School Jazz Band Concert – This event will be held on Sunday January 31<sup>st</sup> at Hallowell City Hall and will be a rehearsal before the group attends the Berkeley Music Festival.
- Open Jam II – This event will occur on February 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:00-6:00 PM at Hallowell City Hall. Gayle has designed a poster to advertise the event. Future "Open Jam" events could re-occur on a 3 to 6 month basis.
- Hook Story Hour II – The theme is "What was I thinking?" Story pitches will be held on February 7<sup>th</sup> and the event has a tentative date and time of March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 or 7:30 PM. Deb will send out a press release and Richard will distribute a release to the Gaslight and Row House mailing lists.

**C. Dinner Theater Fundraiser**

The event will be held in the fall. Due to difficulties in communications with the Cohen Center, other venues including Maple Hill Farm will be considered.

**D. Water Street Reconstruction Project**

- Deb met with Mayor Walker and he agrees with idea of a steering committee made up of the chairs/leaders of the various committees and organizations involved with the project

- The project has been funded for construction to start in April 2018.
- Deb will look at both the ArtPlace grant program and having the Artist's Sketch Mob for 2017
- The Committee discussed new event ideas to hold before/during the project – such as a “Taste of Hallowell” event with various establishments providing food in the different downtown shops.

**E. Minutes from January 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

The minutes were approved without objection.

**F. Next Cultural Committee Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting of the Committee will be on February 17, 2016 from 6:00-7:00 PM at the Hubbard Free Library.

Subsequent dates are on March 16<sup>th</sup> and April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Submitted by Jonathan French, Secretary