

Academy on the Green Commission

Minutes for a Special Meeting held Friday, November 17, 2017
At the Academy, 3:00 p.m.

Present: Jane Bouley, Len Bucher, Donald Gentile, Albert Russell

A motion was made by Al Russell, seconded by Len Bucher, to accept the minutes of April 5, 2017 as written, voted unanimously.

Jane has been acting chairman for several years. A motion was made by Len and seconded by Al to endorse Jane as permanent chairman of the Academy on the Green Commission. Voted unanimously. Jane's term is up in January and she will request to continue.

The basement was cleaned for mold since the last meeting and a new dehumidifier purchased which works well. The gutter on the left side of the building pulled away from the roof and was repaired. The electric heat is turned on. Don and Jane will set up the candles for the holiday. Jane has filed agendas, minutes, and other documents in the filing cabinet on the second floor. The annual report was submitted to the town.

A wedding was held at the Academy in the Fall. Events scheduled is an art exhibit January 19-21, 2018 by the Branford Art & Cultural Alliance and a wedding on March 25, 2018. Applications, down payments, and insurance have been or will be provided by the applicants before the events.

Since the fee to use the Academy is so low, Jane is requiring applicants to clean before and after, provide their own supplies, and dispose of trash.

Al will request that the gutters be cleaned and whether the fire alarms have been checked and need new backup batteries. We decided to leave the de-humidifier on for the winter but increase the humidity setting. He noted that people loiter and leave trash in the back of the building, commissioners should check this during their monthly inspection.

Jane requested that the commission consider replacing the tables and chairs at the Academy. The tables are heavy and in poor condition. Len will investigate pricing then Jane and Al will meet with Jim Finch as to procedure.

General discussion about the 200th anniversary of the Academy in 2020. Don showed a trivet with an image of the Academy that the members agreed was attractive. We will discuss further at the next meeting.

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The commissioners will check the building:

December- Len

January- Al

February- Don

March- Jane

April- Bill

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Submitted,

Jane Bouley

Commission term of office, 5 year terms:

Jane Bouley 1/30/2018 (Branford Historical Society)

Leonard Bucher 1/30/2019 (Masons)

Donald Gentile 1/30/2022 (At Large)

Albert Russell 1/30/2019 (Congregational Church)

William O'Brien 1/30/2021 (Branford Historical Society)