

**CULTURE & ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FLAHERTY CONFERENCE ROOM, SEYMOUR, CT 06483
1 First Street, Seymour, CT 06483
Tuesday September 9 - 7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Judy Simpson, Priscilla Altorelli, Linda Bellavance, Crystal Richard, and Diane Ricciardi

Members Absent: Theresa Dunlop, Val D'Anna

Call to Order: Judy Simpson (7:06)

- **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

J.Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:06

All present stood and recited to Pledge of Allegiance

- **Approval of May Minutes**

August minutes approved by L. Bellavance and second by P. Altorelli

- **Treasurer's Report**

P. Altorelli reviewed the 2024-2025 final expenses and shared that the Commission returned \$777.51 (544.51 Contracted Services and 233 supplies). Treasurer report approved by L. Bellavance and second by D. Ricciardi

- **Mural Update**

Mural dedication is set for Oct. 11 at 10:00 rain or shine. Deduction will be held at the Mural location, if rains will be held at the Town Hall. Invitation will be sent out on 9/20 with a RSVP date of 10/4. These invitations will be sent to the Board of Selectpersons, Valley United Foundation, Local Pastors, Committee/Commission, Chief of Police and Chief of Fire as well as Amanda Pullano (Peep Creative).

- **Summer Concerts Rcap**

Summer Concerts have been a large success. We collected approx. 150 lbs of nonperishable food donated to the Seymour Oxford Food Bank and Blessing Pantry –Trinity Episcopal Church. We heard positive feedback on facebook after each concert as well as feedback overall at the close of the Summer Concert series.

The Great Hill Fire Department also benefited from the Summer Concerts by providing food for the concert guests. Incoming Sales+ Boot+Donation C & A Commission-expenses=\$2475.87 Profit.

- **Spring Project Flowers**

In preparation for Fall Activities we removed the Swill take down the flowers starting on September 12 and finishing on September 14. When flowers are stored at the container, we will also pick up materials for Fall activities.

- **Fall Activites**

In preparation of Fall Activites, all Spring flowers were removed. Flowers that were able to be stored with no changes were stored in the storage container, flowers needing touch up were dispersed among commission members.

Scarecrows/Hay Bails/Cornstaks have been dispersed around the townin time for the Pumpkin Feastible(Sept. 21)

Downtown Trick or Treat -10/25 -12-4:00.Letters will be sent to merchants by 10/3 with RSVP 10/17. School Flyer will be distributed on 10/17

Discussion made on number of bails of hay and cornstalks.

- **Advertisement-**

Nothing to report

- **Chairman's Report**

Nothing to report

- **Public Comment**

- Jeff Baryta from the Seymour Trails Committee shared that the 2nd Annual Sunset Hike (10/04/2025). All welcome participants to start arriving between 5:00-5:15 pm. Hike to begin no later than 6:00 pm. If attending this event to bring lanterns and head lamps. Hikers will gather at the Little Laurel Lime Ridge Park Overlook to watch the sunset. Everyone to enjoy hot chocolate and snacks afterward.

- **Adjournment**

J.Simpson requested a motion for meeting adjournment (8:22). L. Bellavance made a motion and second by P. Altorelli.

Minutes: Respectfully submitted by Diane Ricciardi