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**CULTURE & ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FLAHERTY CONFERENCE ROOM, SEYMOUR, CT 06483
1 First Street, Seymour, CT 06483
Tuesday January 13, 2026 - 7:00 P.M.**

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

Members Absent: Theresa Dunlop, Val D'Anna and Crystal Richard,

Call to Order: Judy Simpson (7:00)

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

J.Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:00

All present stood and recited to Pledge of Allegiance

- **Election of Officer:**

<u>Officer</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Nomination by</u>	<u>Second by</u>
Chairwoman	Judy Simpson	Priscilla Altorelli	Diane Ricciardi
Assn't Chairwoman	Linda Bellavance	Priscilla Altorelli	Diane Ricciardi
Treasurer	Priscilla Altorelli	Judy Simpson	Diane Ricciardi
Recording Secretary	Diane Ricciardi	Priscilla Altorelli	Linda Bellavance
Corresponding Secretary	Theresa Dunlop	Diane Ricciardi	Judy Simpson

- **Public Comment** None

- **Approval of November Minutes**

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

- **Treasurer's Report**

P. Altorelli reviewed the 2025-2026 budget to date with balance for Contracted Services \$9918.70 and Supplies balance \$240.45. Treasurer report approved by D. Ricciardi and second by L. Bellavance.

- **Downtown Christmas Recap**

Christmas event was another great success. Santa arrival via train. Pictures with Santa at American Legion. Tree Lighting. Great Hill Firehouse served free Coffee and Hot Choc. Citizen Firehouse cooked Hot Dogs. Free Bicycle raffle-offered by Seymour Lions Club. Basement Systems sponsored Petting Zoo / Pony Rides plus food drive and toy drive. Face Painting provided by Giggling Pig. (4:30-7:30). Pixie Party CT provided hair tinsel. Letters written to Santa done at the Town Hall and mailed at the Post office.

Items for next year: C. Richard will be our liaison with Basement System for future Christmas activities-continue to sponsor Petting Zoo & Pony Rides/ food and toy drive. **C. Richard** to check with Basement System to see if they want to sponsor Halloween activities. Continue to work with Giggling Pig-Face Painting (D. Ricciardi). Considering someone new for hair tinsel. Commission would also like to have heaters and additional lighting at the Town Hall - for writing letters to Santa. Additionally, the Commission members would like to purchase: Christmas hats and buttons to recognize Commission members for those attending Christmas/Halloween/Concert events.

- **Spring Activities**

PTA will be contact to see if the Commission could sponsor a program for the Elementary schools. (Currently the Commission provides bus trip to Historical Society and 8 grade school dance)

- **Advertisement- Nothing to report**

- **Chairman's Report**

Amanda Pullano (Peep Creative) to be contacted to provide draft design and quoted price for the one Town owned "traffic signal box" located on Maple Street. Commission would like it to be completed by spring.

2026 summer concerts-all bands booked (7 total -.dates: Jun 6th and 20th, July 11th and 25th, August 8th and 22nd, and Sept 5th.) 3 bands have returned signed contracts (Back Trax, Sun Kings and Bernadettes).

Concert raffle prizes still to be purchased -7 tables, 3 chairs and 4 coolers.

D. Ricciardi to contact either Arrow Printers or Minute Man Press for concert banners. Previous cost (\$120)

Replacement lights for Christmas decoration was requested by Public Work dept. Options were reviewed based upon Public Work's request. P. Altorelli will work with Town to order lights via Amazon.

C. Richard to contact VOX -interest in participating in Halloween / Christmas activities going forward.

- **Public Comment** None

- **Adjournment**

J.Simpson requested a motion for meeting adjournment (8:11). P. Altorelli and second by D.Ricciardi.

Minutes: Respectfully submitted by D. Ricciardi