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**CULTURE & ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FLAHERTY CONFERENCE ROOM, SEYMOUR, CT 06483
1 First Street, Seymour, CT 06483
Tuesday February 10, 2026 - 7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Judy Simpson, Priscilla Altorelli, Linda Bellavance, Crystal Richard and Diane Ricciardi (via phone)

Members Absent: Theresa Dunlop, vacant position

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

J.Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:03

All present stood and recited to Pledge of Allegiance

Linda Bellavance made a motion for members to remain standing and for a moment of silence to remember our dear friend and commission member Valerie D'Anna who passed on January 30th. Val was responsible for so many creative ideas and with her husband's help, these ideas came to life for the Town of Seymour to enjoy.

- **Public Comment** None

- **Approval of January Minutes**

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

- **Treasurer's Report**

P. Altorelli reviewed the 2025-2026 budget to date with balance for Contracted Services \$8952.00 and Supplies balance \$240.45. Treasurer report approved by C Richard and second by L. Bellavance.

- **Spring Activities**

Date to have flowers put up around the town has been scheduled for April 11 -12.

PTA has been contact and the Commission will sponsor/donate funds for two programs at the Elementary schools.

The first program for Bungay School is the State Troubadour program. The CT ST Troubadour is Charlie Widmer. The Connecticut State Troubadour is an honorary position, established in 1991, that serves as an ambassador of music and song while promoting cultural literacy across the state. The role exists to celebrate Connecticut's culture, history, and stories through music, fostering a deeper connection between communities and the arts.

The Commission will also provide donate \$1000 for Chatfield LoPresti school program.

The Commission will continue to sponsor the bus trip to Historical Society (\$600) and provide \$150 for the 8 grade school dance.

- **2026 Summer Concerts Series**-all bands booked (7 total -dates: Jun 6th and 20th, July 11th and 25th, August 8th and 22nd, and Sept 5th.) All contracts for the summer concerts have been signed except for Silver Street Steel Pam Drum Band. Concert raffle prizes still to be purchased -7 tables, 4 chairs and 3 coolers. D. Ricciardi to contact either Arrow Printers or Minute Man Press for concert banners. Previous cost (\$120) per banner.
- **Advertisement**-None
- **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.

Target date to have snow people and gnomes down have been tentatively scheduled for the weekend of March 21-22.

2026 Downtown Trick or Treat Day will be on October 31.

2026 Santa Seymour Visit will be on December 5th.

C. Richard to contact VOX -interested in Christmas activities going forward.

Items for Christmas 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 Gigging 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.

The members of the Commission will be making a joint donation to the Seymour Ambulance in memory of Valerie D'Anna. (\$265).

- **Public Comment** None
- **Adjournment**

J.Simpson requested a motion for meeting adjournment. P. Altorelli and second by C.Richard.

Minutes: Respectfully submitted by D. Ricciardi