

**CULTURE & ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
FLAHERTY CONFERENCE ROOM, SEYMOUR, CT 06483
1 First Street, Seymour, CT 06483
Tuesday September 8th, 2026 - 7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Judy Simpson, Linda Bellavance, Mary Barbin, Crystal Richard and Diane Ricciardi

Members Absent: Priscilla Altorelli and Theresa Dunlop

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

J. Simpson called the meeting to order at 6:59

All present stood and recited to Pledge of Allegiance

- **Public Comment**

Michael from The Glass Source-Stained Glass Studio & Gallery shared plans by the local shop owners to generate interest in downtown Seymour through monthly events hosted by "the Shops of Seymour". Upcoming event dates include Sept 26 (Market Day), Oct 10 (Market Night - 5:00 P.M.), Nov 28 (Small Biz Saturday Market - 10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.), and Dec 5. Events are advertised on the "Shops of Seymour" Facebook page.

- **Approval of August Minutes**

August minutes approved by L. Bellavance and second by C. Richard

- **Treasurer's Report**

P. Altorelli provided the treasurer report prior to the meeting. The Current 2026-2027 balance for Contracted Services (\$16,588.47) and Supplies balance (\$378.55). Treasurer report approved by D. Ricciardi and second by M. Barbin.

- **2026 Summer Concerts Series**-Summer concerts have been a great success! P. Altorelli will begin to book bands for the '2027 Summer Concerts.

- **Chairman's Report**

2026 Downtown Trick or Treat Day will be on October 31 1:00-3:00

The SHS Marching Band and SHS Dance Team will lead costumed children in a loop downtown. Police have been notified. Letters to merchants will be sent on 10/17th with return date of 10/27th. Flyers announcing Trick or Treat event will be created and provided to schools for distributions to students on 10/22.

Seasonal Maintenance/Decor: Spring/summer flowers have been removed. Scarecrows will be dressed Sept 14-15 and placed around town Sept 18-19 (times TBD by J. Simpson). 12 corn stalks and 17 hay bales will be used, matching last year's counts.

2026 Santa Seymour Visit will be on December 5th -details to be finalized.

Items for Christmas: C. Richard will be our liaison with Basement System for future Christmas activities-continue to sponsor Petting Zoo & Pony Rides/ food and toy drive. 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. The Commission will also coordinate activities with the Shops of Seymour.

- **Public Comments-** None
- **Adjournment**

J. Simpson requested a motion to adjourn at 8:00 P.M. Motion made by D. Ricciardi, seconded by L. Bellavance.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Ricciardi