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**CULTURE & ARTS COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
FLAHERTY CONFERENCE ROOM, SEYMOUR, CT 06483
1 First Street, Seymour, CT 06483
Tuesday August 18th, 2026 - 7:00 P.M.**

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

Members Absent: Mary Barbin, Crystal Richard and Theresa Dunlop

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

J. Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:05

All present stood and recited to Pledge of Allegiance

- **Public Comment**

None

- **Approval of June Minutes**

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

- **Treasurer's Report**

P. Altorelli reviewed the Year End Report 2025-2026 budget with balance for Contracted Services \$634.96 and Supplies balance \$145.96. The Current 2026-2027 balance for Contracted Services \$17,518.47 and Supplies balance \$408.55. Treasurer report approved by D. Ricciardi and second by L. Bellavance.

The Trustee for the Katharine Matthies Foundation awarded the grant of \$2,100 to the Town of Seymour. The one-year grant was made in the support of the following: Seymour Callahan House Entertainment.

- **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

Marching Band will be asked to participate and children dressed in costumes will make one loop downtown. Police Department has 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 distribution to students on 10/22.

Spring/Summer flowers will be removed the week of September 7th – September 11th. D. Ricciardi will handle. Commission members will meet to review flower conditions, store at new container or discarded as appropriate. Commission members-any unpainted flowers or flowers that need repair, please advise J. Simpson on count.

Scarecrows will be dressed September 14th – 15th time to be finalized. Scarecrows will be placed around the town target date September 18th/19th time to be finalized. J. Simpson will provide details. Corn Stalks (12) and Hay Bales (17) utilizing the same number as last year.

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. **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.

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

Simpson requested a motion for meeting adjournment at 8:10, D. Ricciardi made a motion and P. Altorelli second.

Minutes: Respectfully submitted by D. Ricciardi