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# CULTURE & ARTS COMMISSION

## SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

## FLAHERTY CONFERENCE ROOM, SEYMOUR, CT 06483

**1 First Street, Seymour, CT 06483**

**Tuesday October 20th, 2026 - 7:00 P.M.**

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

**Members Absent:** Crystal Richard 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 returned with additional information on the local Seymour shop owners. Both Sept 26 (Market Day) and Oct 10 (Market Night - 5:00 P.M.) were very popular events. Upcoming will be Nov 28 (Small Biz Saturday Market - 10:00 A.M.– 5:00 P.M.), and Dec 5. All events are advertised on the "Shops of Seymour" Facebook page. Michael further reviewed the local shop owners plans for our joint event on Dec 5.

- **Approval of September Minutes**

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

- **Treasurer's Report**

  P. Altorelli provided the treasurer report prior to the meeting. The Current 2026-2027 balance for Contracted Services ($16,397) and Supplies balance ($304.15). P.Altorelli made motion to approve Treasurer report, motion made by D. Ricciardi and second by L. Bellavance.

- **2026 Summer Concerts Series**-Summer concerts have been a great success! The Great Hill Fire department had an overall profit from Donations and Food Sales of $2484.47 ('25 profit was $2325.87). 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 10/17 with a return date of 10/27. Event flyers will be distributed to schools on 10/22.

  Seasonal Maintenance/Decor: Spring/summer flowers have been removed. Scarecrows placed around town. Additionally, commission members are meeting on Oct. 28th at the new storage location to review flowers that need repair as well as candles.

  **2026 Santa Seymour Visit will be on December 5th -Santa will arrive downtown at 6:30.**

**Items for Christmas**: C. Richard will be our liaison with Basement System for future Christmas activates-continue to sponsor Petting Zoo & Pony Rides/ food and toy drive. Continue to work with Giggling Pig–Face Painting (D. Ricciardi). Also offer hair tinsel. At the Town Hall – children will continue to write letters to Santa and mail them at Seymour Post Office. The Commission will also coordinate activities with the Shops of Seymour.

Christmas decoration -candles and decorations of the gazebo will be done on Saturday Nov. 14th at 9:00.

- **Public Comments-** None

- **Adjournment**

J. Simpson requested a motion to adjourn at 8:00 P.M. Motion made by P. Altorelli seconded by M. Barbin

Respectfully submitted, Diane Ricciardi