

Cultural Commission Meeting Minutes
Piedmont Hall March 9, 2026 7:00 p.m.

Present: Pat Bachetti, Yvonne Besse, Eileen Fedorowich, Dan Fraro, Giselle Genece, Lynne Goss, John Kelleher, Ann Levesque, Dave Marti, Terri Schmidt, Tim Simoes, Terri Titus

Absent: Gail Tishler

Guest: Ann Fraro

Call to Order: Tim called the meeting to order at 7:04. Members pledged and saluted our flag.

Secretary's Report: Pat thanked Tim for doing the minutes in her absence and at the February meeting. Minutes were presented and with no corrections or additions, Pat motioned to approve and Dave seconded. Approved.

No correspondence.

Treasurer's Report: Terri presented the Profit/Loss statement as of January 31. Also, budget to actual, the Coffee House to date. She also updated the sponsorship campaign.

No bills for approval.

Giselle reported that she was checking on the permit with Lori with one of the Food Trucks. Lori should be available during the summer concert series and at the high school. Question of varied menu (just food) which won't impose on Dave and Rotary ice cream sales. The dessert Truck and Fellowship Truck will both be at the Juneteenth concert. Said if successful would continue for rest of concert series.

The summer concert series alternate venue with rain, heat issues brought forth suggestion of the K of C gazebo (spoke with John Pelligrini there). It has a bit of room, covered, a kitchen and parking. Ann motioned to use this venue and Eileen seconded. Approved. Suggested need better signage with information on rain date, where, etc. Giselle offered to reach out to Sean at DG Graphics.

T-shirt giveaway- decided to start at our first concert, grab a shirt to make a sign that states- "make a donation, grab a shirt".

Our recent St Pat's concert at the Coffee House was very well attended with 84+3 musicians counted. Lively Irish group and attendees loved the 10 program. A senior bus brought 10 folks from Stafford. Giselle suggested we reach out with information of series to Ellington/Enfield for possibility of providing bus from their town to transport to concerts. She will contact each. Thank you Giselle.

Karen Murdoch from the Winery spoke with Ann about "Art on the Bridge" for the 250th celebration. Working on some ideas there. Ann will check with Neil for his thoughts.

Piedmont Hall usage by town organizations was discussed. It is a town building and Dave said he would keep a calendar and also relay to when requesting to use it, that in the past, courtesy with ample time frame when requesting date. Tim has invited

Chris Nesserella to our next meeting as a new member. She sits on the 250th celebration committee in town and brings excellent tech skills.

Ann thanked John for all his help with putting signs out this winter and for Coffee House also. Thank you John.

Next meeting on April 13, 2026 7:00 p.m.

Terri motioned to adjourn the meeting and Dave seconded. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:40.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Bachetti, secretary

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