



**SOMERS CULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**Piedmont Hall May 11, 2026 7:00 p.m.**

**Present: Pat Bachetti, Yvonne Besse, Eileen Fedorowich, Dan Fraro, John Kelleher, Ann Levesque, Christine Naserella, Gail Tishler, Terri Titus**

**Absent: Giselle Genece, Dave Marti, Terri Schmidt**

**Guests: Ann Fraro, Sebastian Rider-Bezzera**

**Members saluted and pledged our flag. Meeting opened at 7:03.**

**Members discussed the new position to our commission of new chairperson as Ann will be stepping back and will remain a member through September and then an honorary member. Pat motioned to accept Christine as our new chairperson effective immediately. John seconded. Approved. Thank you to Ann for her 10 years of leadership, so greatly appreciated all your time and commitment. Welcome Christine.**

**Secretary's Report: Minutes were presented and after no corrections or additions Eileen motioned to accept as presented and Yvonne seconded. Approved. Pat read a special card from Tim thanking the members for their kindness and enjoyment being a member of the commission. Members also signed cards for Tim thinking of him and thanking him for his important contributions to the commission. Also, a card for Dave Marti who is recovering from recent surgery.**

**Treasurer's Report: Terri was absent but sent a copy of her report to members and will present the report at the next meeting in June.**

**Christine spoke with Worthington Winery regarding the food trucks there. Usual fee is \$75 for the time slot. Checking with the Health Inspector regarding rules in our town. Also, a fee for working on site during season wide event. Fellowship Food Truck will be here on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Chris will bring in form for applying for truck coming. Other area food trucks- LuAnn's, barbeque trucks, also local bakery and dessert truck (Caetano baked goods-popular).**

**Pat spoke about the Photography Show reception and first week of show. Great attendance for reception and show to date. Many local and surrounding towns guests visiting. Positive feedback and appreciation for our annual show. Pat thanked members for giving their time to sit for the show so far. Our final week is coming up-another wonderful show with 89 entries much talent by**

presenters. A suggestion was made that perhaps a category for youth going forward.

Ann Levesque spoke of some new sponsors she received recently. Ann Fraro shared a sample of this year's concert series calendar and a page of the sponsor categories and response of sponsors. \$9,650 to date. She noted that on the bottom of the concert series calendar is an additional section with new wording (helpful and useful information). The final flyer will be completed soon. Eileen always drops flyers with events and dates at Woodcrest and will take them as soon as they are completed.

Members discussed the issue of publicity for events now that Tim has resigned recently and our potential new member Sebastian brings skills and musical interests similar to Tim and will speak with him as to his publicity schedule he followed. Social media, photos, video. Sebastian will volunteer his time until he is officially voted by the selectmen May 21. The new sign in front of the town hall will also be an additional advertisement for events. We are excited to add Sebastian to our commission. He has written a letter of his interest to be on the cultural commission which he will present at the meeting next Thursday. Some question regarding the KC Sisters tentatively scheduling for the Holiday Festival in December. The recreation director who did a fantastic job in planning and running the event has moved and there is hope that this event will continue this year. A great gathering of community and a wonderful time with super attendance and volunteerism. A "wait and see" right now. Meeting adjourned at 8:03.

The next meeting is June 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Sincerely submitted,  
Pat Bachetti, secretary

Minutes not official until approved at a subsequent meeting