

SOMERS CULTURAL COMMISSION

Piedmont Hall Meeting Minutes July 13, 2026 7:00 p.m.

Present: Pat Bachetti, Sebastian Rider Bezzera, Eileen Fedorowich, Dan Fraro, Giselle Genece, John Kelleher, Chris Naserella(chairperson), Terri Schmidt, Gail Tishler, Terri Titus

Absent: Yvonne Besse, Dave Marti

Guests: Ann Fraro, Brian Wagar

Members saluted and pledged our flag. Chris opened the meeting at 7:05.

Secretary's Report: There were two corrections: access the town website and Brian with the town outlook account. With both corrections made, Seb motioned to accept minutes as corrected and Terri S seconded to approve. Approved.

A suggested thank you card with a gift card for Liam Obernesser the high school volunteer student who handled the lighting and sound for our recent Windham Band concert at the school. Chris motioned we send a gift card with a \$50 limit. Seb seconded. Approved. Terri S will purchase the gift card. Thank you, Terri. Chris will get Pat the address.

There was no correspondence.

Treasurer's Report: Terri presented the Budget to Actual and the Profit/Loss statements of May/June. There was no discussion-very clear and no questions. She also updated the Sponsorship Campaign. The results with awards and expenses of the photography show were also presented. Many thanks Terri. During open discussion the recent Windham Band concert was mentioned. Some possibilities for next year's concert were to provide extra water as it became very warm on stage, to turn the air conditioning on Max early. Also, the stand for the conductor-a need or not? The high school has one and to spend additional money for one time a year and then where to store it. Not really necessary. Seb organized the website and made it clearer, clarify language. Thank you, Seb. Also, regarding the food trucks parking for easier access, a better space? They also left early. Good idea to announce at the beginning of concert where they are located and what time they will close down. Speak with the vendor for time he will close.

The KC Sisters are still in the works for December and Ann Levesque will speak with the church about hosting again.

The Wi Fi at Piedmont will depend on the budget according to Brian.

The fire extinguisher in the back of the room at Piedmont has been ticketed. Seb spoke about publicity and suggested we look into an "Outlook" account which is a paid account. Also "Mail Chip" server which is a good way to send out things. Mail Chip is fairly easy, can go to the Somers page, click and be on. It's an important way to reach out. Seb motioned we look into Mail Chip which is \$30 a month subscription. Terri S seconded. Approved.

The Art show is on the horizon and things are going well. Posters will go out the end of July. Suggestion of expanding posters to the library, businesses, etc. The juror has been selected, committee for reception, entries and Pat will be putting together the signup sheet for sitters during the show. We will once again have the \$250 Doug Gillette award given by his wife this year.

Discussion of the possibility of doing something for the Halloween season involving the community. Can do an online sheet and physical sheet for entries to be seen and the location. Everyone thought it was a fun idea. Chris will meet with Samantha from the recreation department to discuss also.

Chris will contact the Fire Company regarding the capacity for buildings (backup for weather, etc.)

Traffic cones need replacement. Terri motioned to purchase up to 12 cones at \$15 each not to exceed \$200. Seb seconded. Approved. Next year's schedule was discussed. Varied projects for each month. Chris passed out a sheet of examples and possibilities. Also Saturday morning a kid's concert, dance school, learning about and trying musical instruments. Sheet of many great suggestions and for continued discussion. Many thanks Chris.

Terri S motioned to adjourn and Seb seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Next meeting : August 10 7:00 p.m.

Sincerely submitted,
Pat Bachetti, secretary

Minutes not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.