

Somers Cultural Commission Meeting Minutes
Piedmont Hall November 4, 2024 7:00 p.m.

Present: Pat Bachetti, Yvonne Besse, Eileen Fedorowich, Dan Fraro, John Kelleher, Ann Levesque(chairperson), Dave Marti, Terri Schmidt, Tim Simone, Gail Tishler

Absent- Giselle Genece

Call to Order: Members saluted and pledged our flag. Ann called the meeting to order at 7:02.

Ann introduced Terri Titus, a potential commission member attending tonight's meeting.

Secretary's Report: October's minutes were presented with one correction. Pat thanked Tim for doing minutes in her absence and motioned to accept and seconded by Dave. Approved.

Correspondence- Pat read a letter from Taylor Mynahan, a senior at Somers high school and the recipient of the commission's Visual Arts scholarship. She was very honored and appreciative of this award and looking forward to attending the University of Hartford in their Musical Theater program.

Treasurer's Report: Due to the closeness of the meeting dates, there was no October profit/loss statement but Terri presented September's. No questions, Self- explanatory. Thank you, Terri.

There was one bill presented for payment.

Tim reported on the "open mic" in October. A sparse turn out but very enjoyable and varied those that came and performed. November 9 is the next "open mic", 1-3. Coffee and cookies are served.

Ann heard from scout leader Chris, who oversees the scout projects, regarding the painting of the porch benches. Piedmont will be pushed to the spring now due to the weather.

The commission is doing just the summer concerts going forward. We will be able to use the Pleasant View venue when it rains at the cost of \$100. It is a good set up, ample parking and holds a good- sized crowd. There has been one more concert added to the 2025 series at an earlier date.

Piedmont Coffee House will be off and running beginning in January. Tim spoke with Jean who is scheduled and contract has been sent. February will present Ms Tubman who will present "Amistad" with a fee of \$800. This presentation will be held at the library which hosts more seating and an area for changing. Giselle's organization will also help contribute to the fee. Ann will speak with

Ann Kirkpatrick regarding the summer concerts. The Coffee House budget is \$1800. March has Pierce for \$400 and \$150 additional for 2 musicians (banjo and base). The donation for the Piedmont porch floor painting is all set. This year's Holiday Festival will not be using Piedmont Hall. The commission will host the "KC Sisters" with instruments from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Somers Congregational Church that evening, December 7. Our new potential member Terry, spoke about herself and also her interest in becoming a commission member. Our new volunteer member Ramona Ferreiro, was unable to attend the meeting due to another commitment. Tim motioned for commission meeting to be held on October 6, 2025 in next year's meeting dates due to Indigenous Day holiday on October 13 and approval of the meeting schedule. Gail seconded. Approved. Ann reminded everyone of the special live owl program this Saturday November 9 at the library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05.

Our next meeting will be Monday, January 13, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.

Wishing you all a very Happy Holiday season with those you love and a safe, healthy New Year!

**Respectfully submitted,
Pat Bachetti, secretary**