

**Somers Cultural Commission Meeting Minutes
October 10,2022 7:00 p.m. Piedmont Hall**

**Present: Chair, Ann Levesque, Pat Bachetti, Neil Connell, Eileen Fedorowich, Elaine Friedmann, Lynne Goss, Dave Marti, Terri Schmidt, Gail Tishler
Absent: Dan Fraro, Giselle Genece, Bob Hall, Ann Murphy**

Call to order: Members pledged our flag and Ann called the meeting to order at 7:01. She expressed disappointing news that our videographer Michelle will no longer be able to video our concerts and art show. We will truly miss her as she has done a wonderful job and so many of our Somers community has been able to view the happenings on the website who otherwise couldn't enjoy these events. Many thanks Michelle for a great job and your dedication to our programs.

Secretary's Report: Ann made mention regarding the 3-step ladder at Piedmont and reaching out to Todd Roland -she had purchased one at Home Depot so we are all set. A correction to the minutes that was missing in the report was 2 invoices not submitted-one for the "Patch" and one for the second order of T-shirts. Pat had motioned to approve the correction and Dave seconded to add both to be paid. Approved. Elaine motioned to accept the minutes as amended and Dave seconded. Approved.

A thank you was sent to Debbie Farnham, Colonial Flowers, for her ongoing assistance with beautiful dish gardens placed throughout areas at Piedmont during our recent photography and art shows. She has been very supportive for many years. Thank you Debbie for your continued kindness.

Treasurer's Report: Elaine passed out financial statements. Little discussion and Terri motioned and Dave seconded to accept as presented. Approved. A couple bills were presented at this time and Terri motioned and Pat seconded to pay the presented bills. Approved.

The concert series, spring, summer and fall were very successful and well attended. Many special and wonderful comments from our attendees.

Neil reported on the recent art show. Many beautiful entries and the "People's Choice" award was "After the Rain", artist Richard Roy. Neil thanked the members for their help for without them the show wouldn't be possible. The guest book showed 185 attendees, 6 pieces were sold from the portfolio display totaling \$65.60. Donations totaled \$141. Neil requested Todd Roland be

notified to take down the panels. Also for next year to request Eric help put them up. (He knows just how they go and attach).

T-shirts are selling slowly. Will offer again at next years concert series.

Lee Pinney's award presentation at our last fall concert went well and he was very appreciative as were all the attendees for all the things he has done and kindness he has shown.

The Somers Holiday Festival is on the horizon and the commission has been asked to be part of the planning and participatio. Gail, Neil, Eileen and Pat will be part of the committee.

The Coffee House will begin Jan 2023. It will be once a month, the second Sunday 1-3 p.m. Hot beverages will be served. After some discussion we will host 3 concerts, Jan 8-Feb 12-March 12. Elaine motioned and Terri seconded. Approved. Ann and Dave will schedule entertainment. Dave will cross promote the Veterans Coffee House with ours by announcing each others and the date. Meeting dates were presented for 2023. Dave motioned to accept the calendar and Terri seconded. Approved.

The concert series dates were viewed with 16 total-3 spring, 8 summer, 5 fall.

Fees for entertainers/sponsors was tabled until next meeting.

We are still in need of 2 members for the commission.

The next meeting will be held on November 14.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Bachetti, secretary

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