

Commission for the Arts
Mallory Town Hall
Sherman, CT
June 12, 2025

Present: Chairperson Denise Schlesinger; Vice Chairperson Linda Hubbard; Terri Hahn; Ashleigh Blake; Amber Vlangas (7:12); Nicole Zegley, Recording Secretary

Present on Zoom: Christy Bonaiuto

Absent: Henry Cooperman; Susanna Marker; MaryJane Magoon

Audience: Empty

7:09 PM - D. Schlesinger called the meeting to order.

D. Schlesinger began the meeting with a request for a motion to approve meeting minutes from May 8, 2025. L. Hubbard made a motion to approve. T. Hahn seconded the motion.

D. Schlesinger inquired as to whether L Hubbard submitted a bill for \$188 for a half page ad published for Expo. L. Hubbard updated that a bill was submitted with Liz LaVia and then resubmitted due to a new billing cycle. D. Schlesinger gave an update on the CFTA funding allocation for recording secretary. Any additional funds needed must be submitted to the town for approval. Please give ample time for approval. A. Vlangas expressed her frustration with working on a commission that does not possess a budget. A. Blake explained that all Sherman Commissions were given the same budget this year and access to a joint expense account.

D. Schlesinger moved the meeting to A. Vlangas and grant writing. Don Lowe has given his approval, but does need to stay in the loop of what is being applied for and if they are money matching grants. Some clarification

is still needed on how to log the CFTA funds with the new expense fund that exists and is accessible to all Sherman commissions. It was agreed that a grant would open up opportunities for the CFTA. L. Hubbard and T. Hahn both agreed that a grant would help fund an arts booklet similar to the Conservation Commissions trail book. A. Vlangas informed that two state grants are available currently; Office of Arts and Office of Humanities.

L. Hubbard and A. Blake shared the questions for the Survey Monkey. One major question being, what can be done to increase attendance. This will be emailed to all participants for feedback to assist in future Sherman Expo success. A. Alangas requested a "Thank You" be added to the header. C. Bonaiuto inquired if religious groups will continue to be included. L. Hubbard and D. Schlesinger both agree that it will continue. A. Blake and L. Hubbard agreed that the survey will go out this weekend and is due back in two weeks. Update to be given at the July meeting.

D. Schlesinger requested an update on old business pertaining to the CFTA Calendar of Activities. L. Hubbard informed the members July/September will begin Holiday advertising, singing, planning, August will be the start of the HS art show and the annual report. September will be ideas for a trifold pamphlet on the Sherman Arts (what is your organization? What do you bring to Sherman? Photo).

No new business, but a note was made to always include the zoom link with the agenda going forward.

D. Schlesinger requested a motion to adjourn.

A. Vlangas made the motion to adjourn.

A. Blake seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Nicole Zegley