

Commission for the Arts
Mallory Town Hall
Sherman, CT
October 11, 2025
Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meeting

Present: Chairperson Denise Schlesinger; Vice Chairperson Linda Hubbard; Susanna Marker; Terri Hahn; Christy Bonaiuto (7:11); Ashleigh Blake (7:19); Nicole Zegley, Recording Secretary

Present on Zoom: Amber Vlangas

Absent: Henry Cooperman

Audience: None

7:06 PM - D. Schlesinger called the meeting to order.

D. Schlesinger requested a motion to approve the minutes from September 11, 2025. T. Hahn made the motion. S. Marker seconded.

D. Schlesinger began the meeting with an update from L. Hubbard regarding the new Sherman Arts and Culture brochure distribution. It was decided that 30 brochures with a stand would be delivered to the participating organizations. L. Hubbard added that a sticker would be placed on the back of the holders stating "Property of the Sherman Commission for the Arts, For more brochures please email us" and the commission contact information. The brochures were well received at their debut at Farm Day. Other locations to be displayed are American Pie, Limoncello, Daily Market, Town Hall, Ripple Toe, Sacred Grounds, Sherman Wine & Spirits, JCC, White Silo, Webster Bank, Ginny Gordon (CT Tourism), Sherman Library, River Oaks, Gallery 25. T. Hahn suggested Kent, New Fairfield and New Milford as locations of restaurants and

galleries to look into and offered to do the legwork. D. Schlesinger suggested exit 1 off of 84 information rest stop.

D. Schlesinger moved the meeting to the approval of the 2026 meeting dates. Motion made by C. Bonaiuto. S. Marker seconded.

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2026 MEETING DATES

All Meetings at 7pm

Mallory Town Hall

Sherman, CT 06784

January 8, 2026

February 12, 2026

March 12, 2026

April 9, 2026

May 14, 2026

June 11, 2026

July 9, 2026

August 13, 2026

September 10, 2026

October 8, 2026

November 12, 2026

No December Meeting

D. Schlesinger updated the commission on the letter sent to Henry Cooperman asking him to step down due to scheduling conflicts. The meeting then moved to possible candidates. A. Blake spoke with Brett Pransky, who said he would think about it. Also suggested was Suzette Berger of the Sherman Senior Center.

D. Schlesinger moved the meeting to N. Zegley to update the commission on the Sherman Holiday Lights Tour. Families will be asked to sign up in November, to be fully decorated by the first week of December. To kick off the event a drive thru cookies (donated by American Pie, hot cocoa (discounted from Sacred Grounds, and maps of home locations. Bob Ostrosky had suggested swelling advertising spots on the back of the maps

at the Board of Selectmen's meeting. JodiAnn Eure approached John Wrenn about filling in financial gaps and they approved \$300 towards gift cards and/or supplies for the event. N. Zegley reached out to Don Lowe who agreed to be one of the judges for the event. Parks and Rec also expressed to N. Zegley that they would like to collaborate on a future Halloween/pumpkin carving event. D. Schlesinger agreed it was a great idea, but tabled it to a future 2026 meeting.

D. Schlesinger moved the Meeting to the Calendar of Events. A. Vlangas updated the commission on her progress with holiday events. A. Vlangas expressed her inability to dedicate the time required to gather the holiday information. L. Hubbard to email T. Hahn the list of organizations to reach out to. L. Hubbard and N. Zegley to meet and discuss the high school art show with the Sherman School principal, Mary Fernand.

D. Schlesinger announced the Expiration of Commissioners in January of 2026, it includes the chair, vice chair and all commissioners. A decision will need to be made at the November meeting, as well as 2026 meeting dates, as there is no meeting for the CFTA in December.

New Business: NONE

Old Business: NONE

Public Comment: NONE

A. Blake made a motion to adjourn.

C. Bonaiuto seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07PM

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Nicole Zegley