

Commission for the Arts
Mallory Town Hall
Sherman, CT
January 8, 2026
Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meeting

Present: Vice Chairperson Linda Hubbard; Terri Hahn; Christy Bonaiuto;
Susanna Marker

Recording Secretary: Nicole Zegley

Present on Zoom: None

Absent: MaryJane Magoon

Audience: None

7:08PM - L. Hubbard, acting as Chair, called the meeting to order.

L. Hubbard requested a motion to approve the minutes from November 13, 2025. C. Bonaiuto made the motion. S. Marker seconded.

L. Hubbard discussed the urgent need for new commissioners. A list of possible candidates was made: Katie Osborn, Jaime Seymour, Brett Pransky, Caitlin Mandracchia, Meredith Cleary, Charlotte Rusch and Monica, the library's children's program coordinator. T. Hahn suggested asking Missy Elliott if she knows of someone that may be interested. L. Hubbard suggested Helen Anne Ostrosky of the Historical Society.

L. Hubbard updated the commission on the continued success of the brochure and the distribution of over 600 by both herself and C. Bonaiuto. T. Hahn will scout out Kent in a couple weeks from new brochure locations. S. Marker will contact some realtors she knows to help expand distribution locations. C. Bonaiuto will begin the updating process in August 2026 to ensure the brochure information remains current.

L. Hubbard moved the meeting to N. Zegley to update the commission on the Sherman Holiday Lights Tour. There were a total of 10 families that participated. The top three prizes consisted of a \$100 gift certificate to

Limoncello, \$75 gift card to American Pie and a \$50 certificate to Sacred Grounds. The Christmas Carolers from the Sherman Congregational Church were a wonderful seasonal addition. Thanks was given to Sacred Grounds, The Daily Market, American Pie and the Park and Rec for all of their support. C. Bonaiuto shared her enjoyment in being one of the judges. Next year, push for a nixle announcement and coordinate with the town green tree lighting.

L. Hubbard updated the Commission on their activities. N. Zegley spoke with Dr. Fernand at the school. They are currently working with 3 high schools and trying to work on a contact system. The library is currently booked as well and will only give 6 weeks for start to finish submissions.

L. Hubbard moved the meeting to the commission budget submission. The recording secretary is the only submission. Additional requests would consist of funds to update the brochure, publicity, and the holiday event.

L. Hubbard gave a brief rundown of the 2026 calendar. May will be the Community Expo, August - Holiday Events, September - annual report, October will be Farm Day, November and December are holiday events. L. Hubbard will create a new calendar and share with the commission.

New Business: L. Hubbard spoke with First Selectman Don Lowe and he suggested the Art Commission work on a Poet Laureate for the Town of Sherman.

The Daily Market is starting their own newsletter.

S. Marker updated the committee on the playhouse season:

Laughter on the 23rd Floor in April

Bye Bye Birdie

Inherit the Wind

Return to Reason

An American Christmas Carol

The Playhouse will have a gala in October at the JCC. T-shirts are a possibility to commemorate.

Old Business: NONE

Public Comment: NONE

Adjournment:

L. Hubbard requested a motion to adjourn. Motioned by C. Bonaiuto.
Seconded by S. Marker.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Nicole Zegley