

Arts & Culture in Public Places in Amherst Regular Meeting
Town of Amherst Municipal Building Councilmembers' Conference Room
Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 7:00 pm
Approved Tuesday, August 11, 2026

ATTENDEES: Sharon Seamans, Joy Testa-Cinquino, Mary Jo Kahley-Wolf, David Cinquino, Maureen Cilano, Faith Miller, Debbie Doucette

EXCUSED ABSENCES: Meghana Bapardekar

MINUTES APPROVAL: David Cinquino moved and Faith Miller seconded to approve the June minutes with edits.

CHAIR REPORT: Sharon Seamans, Debbie Doucette

1. An annual report has been completed and ready to be sent to the town board for presentation on July 27. We would like to use slides when presenting our activities.
2. The 250th "Paint Amherst Red, White, and Blue" contest has been tabled until next February. More time is needed to set up the process for the contest. Perhaps the Arts & Culture Board will be able to have its own Facebook page next year.
3. For future Artstart events we will attempt to count the number and type of interactions with adults.
4. Four tent weights were received at no charge. Our lawn arrows are being replaced at no charge.
5. We have 24 lawn signs from the 2025 kite day that can be used to advertise other events we are doing.
6. Our extra traffic box postcards with a black background cannot be found. Sharon Seamans will look at the town hall.

Motion passed: Debbie Doucette moved and Maureen Cilano seconded to spend up to \$300 for the purchase of another 1000 traffic box postcards with the black background if the extra postcards cannot be found. Debbie Doucette will order them, if needed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Maureen Cilano

1. An updated report was provided.
2. Let's Do Lunch is close to breaking even.
3. The comptroller's department has listed a 2025 expense on our 2026 budget. The treasurer will speak with the comptroller to get this charge removed from our 2026 budget.

GRANTS: Maureen Cilano, Debbie Doucette, Sharon Seamans, David Cinquino

1. One completed grant application has been received.
2. No new information has been received about the 2025 grantee activities.

ART START and ACPPB INFORMATIONAL TABLE: Faith Miller and Meghana Bapardekar

1. The crafts have been well received by the children.

Date	Location	Craft	Number of children	Number of Adults
June 20	Williamsville Farmers' Market	Patriotic Wands	51	44
June 27		Firework Yarn	50	
July 11		Americana Paper Quilt	60	151
July 18		Tin Punch		
July 25		Clothespin Soldier Buddy		

TBD in August possibility	Bassett Park	Miscellaneous		
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LET'S DO LUNCH: Sharon Seamans and Mary Jo Kahley-Wolf

1. Preregistrations for July are at 34 people. Members of the Williamsville Rotary Club are attending the event. Sharon Seamans had previously given a presentation to the Rotary Club.
2. Preregistrations for August 5 are at 11.

Date	Speaker or Topic	Venue	Caterer	Attendance
April 16	Honor Flight	NW Amherst CC	Blue Fire BBQ Catering	23
May 21	WWII Veteran (flags)	BNHV	Olympia Grill	39
June 18	Mark Lozo from TR Inaugural Site (constitution booklets)	BNHV	Carmines	31
July 16	Buffalo History Museum will present on the Pan-American Exposition	BNHV	Dash's Market	
August 5	Sotto Voce	Randall Church	Charlie the Butcher	
September 17	Bren T. Price, Sr. from The Buffalo Presidential Center	NW Amherst CC	Lebro's Restaurant	

TRAFFIC BOXES: Debbie Doucette and Maureen Cilano

1. No logos are allowed on the state boxes, unless explicitly approved by the TOA/Engineering. Concerns are with prominent wording and potentially offensive 'graffiti'.
2. David Cinquino submitted some local traffic box locations for the board's traffic box. It will include the dates of this project (2019 – 2027).

Location	Artist	Design	Completed
Paradise Rd. & Klein Rd.	Meghana Bapardekar	Eagle and Niagara Falls	Yes
Maple Rd. & Culpepper Rd.	Makena St. George	Girl pointing to the stars	Yes
N. French Rd. & Robinson Rd.	Roberta (Robin) Sullivan	Red, white & blue tree with fireworks	Yes
Wherle Dr. & George Karl Blvd	Margo Davis	USA birthday celebration	Yes
Stahl Rd. & N. Forest Rd.	Kaleigh Day	Mount Rushmore	Yes
Bailey Ave. & Long Meadow Rd.	Ali Lazik	Groovy Eagle	In process
Sheridan Dr. & Campus Dr.	David Cinquino	United States Seal	
Sheridan Dr. & Sweet Home Rd.	William Hurley	USA Hockey Gold Medal	In process
Main St. & Cayuga Rd.	Courtney Zach	Flags with constitution excerpts	In process
Main St. & N. Forest Rd.	Margo Davis	Flowing flag with USA monuments	Yes
Millersport Hwy. & N. French Rd.	Danielle Meyer	Apple Pie	In process
Harlem Rd. & Westmoreland Rd.	Jessica Graham	America the Beautiful	Yes

KITE DAY: Joy Testa-Cinquino, David Cinquino, and Meghana Bapardekar

1. The Great Lakes Kiteflyers are unable to do the event this year.
2. This event will be part of Harvest Fest on September 26, from 1-4pm. People will bring their own kites to fly.
3. Since we no longer need to pay for the Kiteflyers, we can purchase some DIY kites for the kids. These kites will be decorated by the children.
4. The purchase of some sails to draw attention is desired.

PUBLICITY: Joy Testa-Cinquino

1. A draft version of the flyer for the Harvest Fest kite flying activity was provided.

2. Let's Do Lunch was in the Amherst Bee on July 9.

LIAISON REPORT: Angela Marinucci

Not present.

ADJOURNMENT: Joy Testa-Cinquino moved, and Faith Miller seconded to adjourn at 8:32 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, August 11, at 7:00 PM at Town of Amherst Municipal Building in the council members' conference room.