

**Arts & Culture in Public Places in Amherst Regular Meeting**  
Town of Amherst Municipal Building Councilmembers' Conference Room  
Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 7:00 pm  
Approved July 9, 2024

**Attendees:** Debbie Doucette (co-chair), Sharon Seamans (co-chair), Mary Jo Kahley-Wolf, Burt Merriam, Jenni Colwell, Joy Testa Cinquino, Teri Ritz, Maureen Cilano

**Excused Absences:** Jacqueline Berger (liaison)

**Minutes Approval:** Burt Merriam motioned and Maureen Cilano seconded to approve the May 2024 minutes.

**Chair Report:** Penny Wolfgang resigned from the board. Each board member was given two post cards displaying the painted traffic boxes. A thank you will be sent to David Cinquino for donating the posters to advertise the traffic boxes.

The membership information of the town website is inaccurate.  
716 Together would like to do a follow-up interview about the painted traffic boxes this summer. The original interview aired December 31, 2023.

Cards of congratulations will be sent to the senior center art winners.

**Treasurer's Report:** An update was provided. Additional corrections were provided by members to reflect actual costs of several items.

**Grants:** The release date for the grant applications will be July 1, 2024 with completed applications due by August 15, 2024. It will be released in The Amherst Bee, Community Groups, Youth & Rec, and to past grantees.

**Artstart:** The first event was June 9, 2024 at the Bassett Park Farmer's Market. About 75 people stopped by the table. Joy Testa-Cinquino will assist Burt Merriam on July 6, 2024 at The Village Farmer's Market (Williamsville).

**Let's Do Lunch:** The May event had 28 reservations with 27 people attending. The speaker, Paul Kranz, was well-received by all. The June event currently has 33 reservations with an additional 12 people performing the opera.

**Traffic Boxes:** One traffic box is complete:

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| Main & Sprindrift | Rebecca Patterson | "Aquarium" |
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The traffic box at Daemen University is peeling. Debbie Doucette will contact the artist. Collaboration with Mary Diana Pouli will begin to display the old Maple West painted traffic box at Harlem Road Community Center and the "Giving Tree" box from Sheridan & N. Forest at the Audubon Library or Senior Center.

**Informational Tables:** Members of the board will be present at two concerts in Island Park to advertise our activities.

Debbie Doucette and Maureen Cilano will attend the July 23, 2024 performance of the Williamsville Community Band.

Sharon Seamans and Mary Jo Kahley-Wolf will attend the August 6, 2024 performance of the Amherst Symphony.

**Publicity:** Joy Testa Cinquino has continued to advertise our events. She has also made business cards, which contain a brief description of our activities and our contact information, to distribute to the public. She will also make sandwich cards to label the desserts provided at the Let's Do Lunch June event.

**Old Business:** Aluminum sculptures displayed at an Amherst location are still desired.

**New Business:** The newly created Erie County Arts & Culture Grant Committee will be contacted by Joy Testa-Cinquino.

Keep thinking of new ideas to present at the September 2024 meeting.

**Adjournment:** Joy Testa-Cinquino motioned and Burt Merriam seconded for adjournment at 8:30pm.

**Next Meeting:** July 9, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Minutes were recorded by Mary Jo Kahley-Wolf