

Arts & Culture in Public Places in Amherst Regular Meeting
Town of Amherst Municipal Building Councilmembers' Conference Room
Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 7:00 pm
Approved August 12, 2025

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

ABSENCES: Burt Merriam, Jenni Colwell, Jacqui Berger

MINUTES APPROVAL: June minutes were tabled until August.

CHAIR REPORT: Debbie Doucette, Sharon Seamans

The A-Frame is out-of-date.

We are considering adding free concerts back into next year's projects.

Debbie Doucette and Fran Spoth are looking for the Amherst Arts & Culture Award's plaque.

Jacqui Berger is looking for the Painted Traffic Boxes Poster that was hanging in Town Hall.

We have vacant board member seats.

Maureen Cilano and Joy Testa-Cinquino have some people to invite to our meetings.

Joy Testa-Cinquino will make a flyer to distribute to interested Amherst residents.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Maureen Cilano

An updated report was provided.

Two artists have received their commission for painting the traffic boxes.

One lunch rental fee has been paid.

GRANTS: Maureen Cilano, Debbie Doucette, Burt Merriam, Sharon Seamans

Grant applications were received from the following organizations:

Organization	Requested Amount	Recommended Amount	Approval
Friends of Harmony	\$3,000	\$3,000	
Amherst Chamber Ensembles	\$2,200	\$2,000	
Arts & Culture Board	\$5,000	\$5,000	
Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village	\$26,000	\$0	
ARS Nova Chamber Orchestra	\$10,000	TBD	

ART START: Burt Merriam and Jenni Colwell

July 5, 2025 Williamsville Farmer's Market had approximately 25 children make the clothespin buddies.

Fifty (50) packets of information were distributed.

LET'S DO LUNCH: Sharon Seamans and Mary Jo Kahley-Wolf

Our June attendance was 20 people. The July event with Daniel F. Korn, Civil War author, has 14 people pre-registered.

The August event is with Jack Edson, a fabric artist.

The September event has Anne E. Conable of the Buffalo Maritime Center scheduled to present "Story and Symbol: Recreating the Erie Canal Boat Seneca Chief."

The October event will be an evening performance with Sotto Voce.

TRAFFIC BOXES: Debbie Doucette and Maureen Cilano

Invoices and contracts are being sent as the traffic boxes are completed.

Four Boxes are completed.

Two artists received a job after someone saw their traffic box completed.

Location	Artist(s)	Title/Theme	Completed
Sweethome & Skinnersville	Courtney Zach	Animals	
Campbell & Dodge	Patty Ossa & Cindy Angrisano	Piano & Jazz	Yes
Sheridan & Millersport	Mike Maddigan	Birch Trees	
Wehrle & Lamark	Alex LoDico	Postcard	
Sheridan & Bailey	Ali Lazik	Pastel Party	
Niagara Falls Blvd. & Tonawanda Creek Rd.	Kim Dryckiewicz	Deer	Yes
Millersport & Crosspoint	David Thiel	Abstract	Yes
Sweethome & Maple	Makena St. George	Fruit	Yes

ACPPB Informational Tables: Jenni Colwell

No update.

PUBLICITY: Joy Testa-Cinquino

Joy sent an email to art/music groups asking if they would like to have us advertise any of their events.

The website needs to be updated.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Aluminum Sculptures

To readdress in 2026

2. Book Benches

The Town Board has approved moving forward with this project. Sponsors will be needed (Generations Foundation).

Further investigation warranted to determine dimensions, competitive costs, if they meet fire code for interior use etc.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Great Lakes Kite Flyers Society is open to obtaining the insurance rider. They would appreciate some direction on how to obtain it.

ADJOURNMENT: Mary Jo Kahley-Wolf motioned and Joy Testa-Cinquino seconded to adjourn at 8:46 PM.

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 7:00 PM at Town of Amherst Municipal Building, Council members' Conference Room.