

Arts & Culture in Public Places in Amherst Regular Meeting
Town of Amherst Municipal Building Councilmembers' Conference Room
Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 7:00 pm
Approved September 9, 2025

ATTENDEES: Sharon Seamans, Joy Testa-Cinquino, Maureen Cilano, Mary Jo Kahley-Wolf, Burt Merriam, Jenni Colwell, Faith Miller

ABSENCES: Jacqui Berger, Debbie Doucette

MINUTES APPROVAL: Maureen Cilano motioned and Joy Testa-Cinquino seconded to approve the June minutes. Maureen Cilano motioned and Sharon Seamans seconded to approve the July minutes.

CHAIR REPORT: Sharon Seamans, Debbie Doucette

We are still looking for additional board members. Joy Testa-Cinquino will create a document for us to use.

A painted traffic boxes poster is in the councilman's closet at the town building.

The Amherst Arts & Culture Award Plaque has not been located.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Maureen Cilano

All projects are within budget.

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

Grant applications were received from the following organizations:

Organization	Requested Amount	Recommended Amount
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	\$0
Amherst Symphony Orchestra	\$11,000	\$11,000

ART START: Burt Merriam and Jenni Colwell

The kid's craft table was set-up at the Williamsville Farmer's Market for the month of July.

Date	Number of Kids	Project
July 5, 2025	ca. 25	Clothespin buddies
July 11, 2025	ca. 50	Rock painting
July 18, 2025	ca. 60	Trinket boxes, clothespin buddies, painted rocks
July 25, 2025	ca. 25	Wands, a few trinket boxes

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

Our July attendance was 24 people. The July event was with Daniel F. Korn, Civil War author. His presentation was quite interesting, giving tidbits about the war that you do not typically hear.

The advertisement in The Amherst Bee is being published too late for people to attend the event.

The box lunches used in July cost more than normal catering costs.

TRAFFIC BOXES: Debbie Doucette and Maureen Cilano

Two more boxes are completed, and 1 is in progress.

Six boxes have been completed to date.

Payments have been going well and being processed more quickly.

Location	Artist(s)	Title/Theme	Completed
Sweethome & Skinnersville	Courtney Zach	Animals	Yes
Campbell & Dodge	Patty Ossa & Cindy Angrisano	Piano & Jazz	Yes
Sheridan & Millersport	Mike Maddigan	Birch Trees	Yes
Wehrle & Lamark	Alex LoDico	Postcard	In Progress
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

How many events should we attend to distribute information?

Joy emailed a lot of groups asking for flyers to include in the packet this year, but no one responded.

PUBLICITY: Joy Testa-Cinquino

August 21 & September 18 Lunch events were sent to the Amherst Bee.

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 scheduled for September 27, 2025 at Bassett Park from noon – 4pm. Joy Testa-Cinquino will meet with the representative on Tuesday, August 26 to make final arrangements for the event. Their fee is \$250, and we will reimburse for the insurance (ca. \$140).

Motion passed: Maureen Cilano motions and Burt Merriam seconds to spend up to \$500 for the kite flying event.

ADJOURNMENT: Mary Jo Kahley-Wolf motioned and Jennie Colwell seconded to adjourn at 8:21 PM.

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 7:00 PM at Town of Amherst Municipal Building, Council members' Conference Room.