

CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, February 10, 2026, 6:15 PM

Cheshire Public Library

104 Main Street

Cheshire, CT 06410

Roll: Kristy Endriss, Susan Fenaughty, Katie Giampietro, Joyce Karklel, Donna Lodynsky, Denise Lohr, Donna Myjak, Ilona Somogyi, Youchung Torok

Committee Members Present: Kristy Endriss, Susan Fenaughty, Katie Giampietro, Joyce Karklel, Donna Lodynsky, Denise Lohr, Ilona Somogyi

Others Present:

Joan Pilarczyk (Director, Artsplace)

Absent:

Donna Myjak (CPFA Committee member)

Youchung Torok (CPFA Committee member)

John Gawlak (Director Cheshire Parks and Recreation)

Donna Mark (President, Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc.)

Greg Wolff (Cheshire Town Council Liaison: Cheshire Performing and Fine Arts Committee)

Jill Veiga

1. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM - A quorum was present for this meeting.
2. CALL TO ORDER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG - Chairwoman Lodynsky called the meeting to order at 6:20 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. WELCOME REMARKS – Ms. Lodynsky welcomed members.
4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS
5. **Approval of January 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes**
 5. Ms. Lodynsky asked that the line should read “Mr. Wolff mentioned that the position is shown on the Town webpage”.
 - 8.a. Should read “Friends will now have a board consisting of three officers”.
 11. Ms. Pilarczyk corrected the spelling of ARTSDAY.

Ms. Karklel made a motion to accept the minutes, Ms. Lohr seconded the motion. There was one abstention.

6. Treasurer’s Report: Denise Lohr for Donna Myjak

- a. Ms. Lohr read out that 64.2% of the budget has been used and is on target.

Ms. Endriss made a motion to accept the report, with Ms. Giampietro seconding.

7. Secretary’s Report: Denise Lohr

- a. No Report.

8. Friends of CPFA Report: Donna Mark

- a. No Report

9. Parks and Recreation Report: John Gawlak

- a. No report.

10. Artsplace Report: Joan Pilarczyk

- a. Ms. Pilarczyk provided information to the committee about Performance Statistics.
- b. For the annual “Home, Health and Garden Show” Artsplace will provide temporary art tattoos this year. The event is scheduled for March 28th this year.
- c. The Winter Session started this week and there are fifty-three students enrolled.

11. Old business

- a. Ms. Lodynsky reported that the Cheshire High School students have their artwork hanging at the Cheshire Public Library. Framing was provided by funds from the Cheshire Education Foundation. The March art exhibition will feature the photography of Eddie Hall.

b. ARTSDAY:

- 1. Ms. Endriss reported that the subcommittee met onsite to measure the space.
- 2. Set-up: will take place from 2:30 to 5:00 on the Saturday before the event. Volunteers from the committee will be needed. Table cloths were purchased in different colors according to the activity at the table.
- 3. The flyers, once they have been approved by the Board of Education, will be going out to all of the local schools, and will be available at the library and at Artsplace. Ms. Lodynsky reminded that inclusion on the sign outside Parks and Recreation should be requested as well, ahead of time.
- 4. Ms. Endriss mentioned that Youth Services has an online sign up for volunteers for upcoming events. It provides dates and times available. Certificates will be made for volunteers to show their participation and will be signed by subcommittee members on the day. Ms. Lodynsky mentioned that Boy Scouts could be contacted to help with directing traffic.
- 5. Ms. Endriss will be sending out information to the artists with updated information, contracts, etc. Ms. Pilarczyk mentioned that they should contact her with any supplies that might be necessary.
- 6. Deb Carter will be making box and paper puppets, Robin McCahill will be making finger puppets, Susan Fenaughty will be using felt and buttons on burlap to create images (she showed examples of the different images that will be available), she would like to use a clothes line to hang up the examples, and will be providing the plastic big eyed needles; Ms. Somogyi showed the felt dolls and the God’s Eye that will be made at the Committee’s table. Ms. Endriss mentioned that she would like to invite Town Historian Diane Calabro to have a table where adults could draw the Cheshire Cat as part of the Cheshire 250 Celebration, and to help promote the wider activities planned.
- 7. Discussion ensued about using a sandwich board or large over-head sign on the day of the event and whether to provide hangers for coats. Maps will be made for people to know which art activity is at which table.
- 8. Ms. Lodynsky mentioned the food that will be provided for volunteers and committee members. Ms. Endriss related the following: pizza, salad, fruit tray, cake, water bottles, as well as, plates and napkins.

9. Ms. Somogyi mentioned providing bags with the ARTSDAY logo for people to take home their projects.

10. Ms. Endriss said that Ms. Lodynsky and Ms. Lohr will be at the registration table. Other volunteers are needed for set up and clean up that weekend. Ms. Karklel recommended bringing the set of grey gallery walls for behind the registration table and using the palm trees from a previous ARTSDAY for decoration.

12. New Business

a. Ms. Somogyi recommended that a committee or commission be formed that is in charge of the Bartlem Park band shell. There is currently an RFP for a production company to manage the lights and sound. Discussion ensued and it was recommended that Ms. Somogyi talk with Mr. Martelli and report back at the next meeting.

b. Ms. Endriss reminded members of the nominations for the 2026 board members presented at the last meeting:

Donna Lodynsky for President, Katie Giampietro for Vice-President, Donna Myjak for Treasurer and Denise Lohr for Secretary.

Ms. Karklel made a motion to vote for those nominated for officers, and Ms. Fenaughty seconded and all were in favor. The motion passed.

c. Ms. Lodynsky mentioned that she had been asked by Ms. Gannon about the committee assisting in a juried art show to be held at the *Reading Room* in April. Discussion ensued but it was felt that with ARTSDAY in March that there would not be enough time to help organize an art show by April.

e. The next CPFA meeting will take place at 6:15 at the Cheshire Public Library on March 3, 2026.

*Motion was made by Ms. Lohr to close the meeting and seconded by Ms. Endriss.
The meeting ended at 7:25 pm.*

Respectfully submitted by A.Wnuk