

## **PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

**October 18, 2021**

**8:00 p.m.**

### **South Windsor Town Council**

**PURPOSE: To receive citizen input on a Proposed Ordinance  
Establishing an Arts Commission**

Mayor Paterna called the Public Hearing to order at 8:00 p.m.; and requested that the Clerk of the Council read the call of the meeting (a copy of which is attached hereto, **Exhibit A**).

Mayor Paterna asked if there was anyone from the public that would like to speak. There were approximately thirteen (13) people present in the audience. The proposed Ordinance is attached as **Exhibit B**.

#### Public Comment

Mr. Dan Edwards, 131 Hilton Drive, opposed the creation of an Arts Commission because the Town has a Committee that does not use taxpayer's money.

Mrs. Mary Beaulieu, 2780 Ellington Road, explained that art is already displayed at the South Windsor Public Library; things are being done without taxpayer funds. The Town does not need to oversee another Commission. Mrs. Beaulieu stated that she opposes the establishment of an Arts Commission.

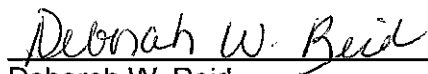
Mayor Paterna asked for a Straw Vote, the results of which were as follows:

Those supporting a proposed Ordinance establishing an Arts Commission: 2

Those in opposition of a proposed Ordinance establishing an Arts Commission: 7

The public hearing was closed at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah W. Reid  
Clerk of the Council

**Public Hearing Notice – Exhibit A**

**Ordinance Establishing an Arts Commission – Exhibit B**



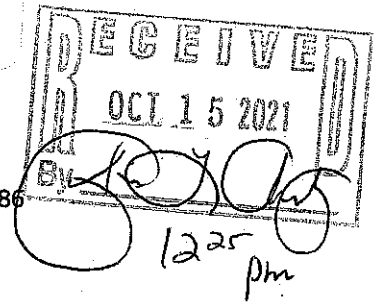
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## LEGAL AD

### TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR

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Dated at South Windsor, Connecticut this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021.

Attested to by:

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**Ordinance**

**South Windsor Arts Commission (SWAC)**

**1. Purpose**

In recognition of the contribution which culture and the arts make to the quality of life of the community, there is hereby established a permanent Town Commission to be known as the "South Windsor Arts Commission," (SWAC).

The purposes shall be to foster and facilitate participation in, development of, and appreciation for a variety of artistic and cultural activities and displays within the Town of South Windsor and to encourage the display and presentation of artistic and cultural art and activities in public, school, and community facilities Town-wide.

The role of SWAC will include, but is not limited to:

1. promote artistic and cultural activities and collaborations for South Windsor's citizens;
2. encourage arts education and appreciation;
3. provide opportunities for artists to produce and present their work;
4. encourage and generate community-wide participation in the development and appreciation for artistic and cultural activities within the Town of South Windsor;
5. advocate for, and support the goals of the greater South Windsor arts community;
6. create and enhance arts opportunities within the Town of South Windsor;
7. create new economic opportunities for the people of South Windsor through the expansion of artistic and cultural programs and events;
8. enhance learning opportunities in the arts for all residents through cooperation and collaboration of the various organizations associated with the arts.

**2. Establishment & Composition**

SWAC will consist of an 8-member panel of residents of the Town of South Windsor with education, training, or work experience related to the arts or cultural activities, demonstrated practice or other relevant qualifications in the area of arts or cultural activities. All members shall be appointed to the SWAC by the Town Council and shall include, equal, bi-partisan representation with four (4) commissioners (2 Democrat nominated and 2 Republican nominated) each for a two year term and four (4) commissioners (2 Democrat nominated and 2 Republican nominated) will serve a one year term from outset of the SWAC's creation. Each party's nominations must include a minimum of one individual who is unaffiliated or under other minor party affiliation. Thereafter, each commissioner will serve a two-year term upon appointment.

Additional advisors to SWAC shall include representation of recognized arts and cultural organizations within the community related to supporting the art and cultural activities. Nominations for such SWAC advisors shall be forwarded to the Town Council for approval to be reviewed and voted on by the Town Council with a simple majority vote determining advisory non-voting representatives. Once approved, community organization memberships are active for a two-year term beginning on the date of Town Council appointment.

**3. Liaisons**

There shall be a panel of non-voting liaisons to SWAC as follows: Mayor (or designee), Board of Education Chair (or designee), South Windsor Library Director (or designee), Wood Memorial Library Director (or appointee), and Parks and Recreations Director (or designee). Liaisons shall be invited to each regular and special meeting of the Commission and are encouraged to participate in discussions related to SWAC, but shall not be voting members or count toward the quorum.

**4. Organization**

At the first meeting on or after December 1 of each year, the Commission shall elect from its appointed membership a chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary, and other officers as deemed appropriate by the Commission.

The Commission will hold regular monthly meetings according to the schedule determined by appointed members and may hold special meetings as determined by the membership.

The Commission shall establish its own rules and procedures for the conduct of its business. Otherwise it shall follow Robert's Rules of Order, where applicable and not in conflict with its rules and procedures or the Freedom of Information Act.

If a vacancy occurs outside the regular allotted terms as set out above, an individual will be appointed by the Town Council for the unexpired portion of the term based on nomination by party affiliation.

**5. Objectives and Duties of SWAC**

- a) Highlight the Town's artists, art activities and events, and connect arts and cultural organizations that already exist in town.
- b) Encourage youth to be involved in local arts.
- c) Coordinate art and cultural events with various groups in town.
- d) Coordinate with Town Staff to ensure SWAC website is informative and up-to-date as a digital resource related to the arts and cultural activities and organizations on the Town webpage.
- e) The Commission may consider the development of a foundation to support and fund the Arts in South Windsor.
- f) Organize and hold an annual arts festival. Any necessary Town funding is based on Town Council approval.
- g) Promote, encourage, and recommend display of works of arts on town property for approval of the Town Council based on a simple majority passage of support.
- h) Make an initial survey and maintain an inventory of the artistic and cultural resources of the Town.
- i) Develop, and recommend to the Town Council a formal arts policy to include a vision and mission related to the arts and culture for the Town of South Windsor and including activities in accordance therewith, subject to approval by the Town Council.
- j) Make recommendations to the Town Council and the Town on art-related matters in furtherance of the Commission's vision and mission statement related to arts and culture.
- k) Encourage and assist in the display and presentation of art, artistic performance and cultural activities in Town, school and community facilities Town-wide, as well as encourage and assist in the recognition of Town artists.

## **Exhibit B**

- l) Engage in other activities necessary and appropriate to carry out its purposes, objectives, and duties.
- m) Keep records of its meetings and activities and shall file an annual report with the Town Council, the Town Manager and the Town Clerk describing its activities for the previous calendar year.

Effective Date: