

**Town Arts Committee
2/21/12 – Minutes**

Members present: Kate Anderson, Mary Ellen Bixby, Mark Burke, Doug Cox, Hugh Keelan, Sarah Rice, Kathryn Turnas

1. It was confirmed that the **meeting was warned**.
2. 1/10/11 minutes were approved as presented.

3. Arts meters/Bike racks,

Project discussion will be revived. The committee had been poised to speak with Steve Barrett, but Irene occurred, and civic concerns became those of rebuilding and recovery. Keelan will speak with Jon Potter and Matt Mann (Windham Regional Commission). Subcommittee to determine what might be projected cost and whether or not there is seed money available.

4. Hanna Cosman room Art rotation.

The Insight Photography exhibit will continue until June. Subcommittee (Bixby, Rice, Turnas) will meet in April and make a report in May to TAC about the next project..... suggestions/plans.

5. Letter of recommendation for Insight photography.

Bixby passed around the letter of recommendation for Stephen Dybas/Insight Photography. Discussed was the question of "What are the criteria for TAC writing such letters in the future? What benefit to the town? There is need for further discussion.

6. Diversity Day May 4 Gallery Walk

Bixby reported on a meeting with Gary Blomgren, Art Chair at BUHS. Blomgren and art students (Art Club) will devise an "interactive Diversity Tree" which will allow for public response to issues of art and diversity, etc. TAC will serve as adult support for the 5-8:30 event at the River Garden.

7. BCTV host needed

Turnas asked for help with filling a host cancellation for the Crowther Butterfield d Brofsky interview on March 8. Email Turnas if one can do so.

6. Our Town NEA grant application

The OUR TOWN NEA grant application will go before selectboard 2/21/12. Anderson/Eastes/ Francis have worked well and effectively as they wrote the grant application, which demonstrates both a town government/non profit partnership and public input (Jan. 10 Charrette). TAC noted its gratitude for the excellent work of Anderson/Eastes/Francis as they completed the grant application for a Cultural District enhancement planning process.

Next meeting Tuesday, March 20, 4:00 pm, Hanna Cosman room.

Respectfully submitted,

M.E. Bixby