

**Town Arts Committee
Minutes, 3/20/12**

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

1. It was confirmed that the **meeting was warned**.
2. 2/21/12 minutes were approved as presented.
3. Bob Havens was welcomed as new Town Arts Committee member.

4. **Bike/arts meter update.** Keelan spoke with Jon Potter. Funds have been reidentified for sidewalk enhancement. Cox suggested that arts meter and bike racks become separate projects.

5. **Letter to editor.** One of The Arts Committee goals is to work toward equal accessibility to art education and opportunities. It was decided that Bixby would speak with Ingrid Chrisco, BAMS principal, and Anderson would speak with M. Atkinson and S. Rice before any further action.

6. **Diversity Day May 4.** This event will happen during Gallery Walk hours. TAC members will be present Friday evening and will support the work of BUHS art students as well as encourage interaction with the art project. Noted was the small turnout of planners at the meeting. Bixby will speak about project momentum at next Diversity Day planning event. (N.B. as of 2/22 it appears that there is momentum, as most of the stage time has been reserved and both art project and nonprofit reservations are congealing.)

7. **Pedestrian safety.** General discussion about how intersection improvements could reduce potential for accidents and whether or not this an art-related issue.

8. NEA Our Town grant application. TAC commends the work of Anderson/Francis/Eastes. The grant application decision will be known by July. General discussion about the future of project if grant application is unsuccessful. It was moved and seconded and affirmed by unanimous vote that the Town Arts Committee supports *"the exploration of fulfillment of the project as described in the grant description. whether or not the NEA approves the grant."*

Next meeting Tuesday, April 17, 4:00 pm, Hanna Cosman room.
Respectfully submitted,
M.E. Bixby