

Brattleboro Town Arts Committee  
2-10-15 **Draft Minutes**

**Members present:** Nicholas Biddle (by conference call), Kate Anderson (acting chair), Doug Cox (recorder pro-tem), Hugh Keelan, David Potter (clerk), Jacob Roberts

**Guests:** Tad Montgomery, Angel Mackinnon

**The Meeting convened** at 4:05 pm in the Hanah Cosman Meeting Room. It was confirmed the meeting was warned and a quorum present.

**Minutes:** of 1-13-15 were approved by a 5-1 roll call vote.

**Public Comment:** Montgomery, as someone often in meetings in the Hannah Cosman Room, said how much he appreciates and the value to the Town of the rotating art exhibited in the room.

**Highway Art Proposal:** We discussed “Proposal for a Brattleboro Highway Art Corridor” drafted by Tad Montgomery. Montgomery added a follow-up idea of encouraging BUHS graduating classes to design, install and maintain a work of art as an ongoing part of the project. Montgomery mentions that 23,000 motorists travel I-91 through Brattleboro each day.

Following enthusiastic discussion of the potential and complexity of the proposal and strategies for implementation, the following was approved by 6-0 roll call vote: **TAC creates an ad-hoc committee to begin early stage work on a “Proposal for a Brattleboro Highway Art Corridor”**. Roberts, Keelan and Biddle agreed to serve on this committee with Montgomery and others may be recruited.

**CoreArts and the NEA grant:** Keelan reports that the CoreArts Management Team considers tracks 1 and 2 closed and all additional activities will be within the scope of track 3. He reported on a Management Team meeting, with John Dimick taking the place of Gayle Weitz from ACWC, at which it was determined that the ACWC website proposal did not fit within its priorities for the grant completion.

Regarding the ACWC Website proposal, which addresses the Town Plan Goal 8.3.2, TAC welcomes an invitation to meet with the ACWC Board to explore Website design and implementation steps.

Regarding reporting, Keelan agreed to provide TAC with a summary of each Management Team meeting.

**Public Art Policy:**

Approved by 6-0 roll call vote: **TAC commits to produce an inventory of public art spaces in Brattleboro.**

Approved by 5-1 roll call vote: **TAC commits to an extra 2 hour meeting to define the level of proactivity in its work.**

Roberts will prepare for TAC review a draft form for the submission of Public Art projects.

**UMass Theater Performance:** We briefly considered a request from the UMass Fine Arts Center to facilitate their presentation of “Truck”, a theater piece inside a 17’ box truck that they plan to present in area communities as part of their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. They would like to bring it to Brattleboro during October 2<sup>nd</sup> Gallery Walk. The request has also been sent to ACWC, the parent organization of Gallery Walk. Members of TAC stand ready to help them find a local partner and venue and to help with any logistics involving Town government.

**Next Meeting:** The next regularly scheduled TAC meeting will be Tuesday, March 10, from 4 to 5:30 pm in the Hannah Cosman room.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm