

Brattleboro Town Arts Committee  
Minutes prepared by Kate Anderson & Angel Mackinnon  
May 10, 2016, 4:00pm  
Hannah Cosman Room, Municipal Center

**Members Present:** Adam Salviani (chair), Doug Cox (co-chair), Kate Anderson, Angel Mackinnon, Hugh Keelan, Dale Joy

**Members of the Public:** Chris Mays (Brattleboro Reformer), Tad Montgomery, Scot Borofsky

**Meeting called to order at 4:03 pm**

**Motion to approve minutes from April**

Cox seconds motion

Anderson would like to amend the minutes to reflect that there was a discussion about the Downtown Brattleboro Alliance and the possibilities to engage in collaboration on the Promotions Committee.

The Committee unanimously passed this amendment 5-0-0

**Public Participation-** TAC should do more to fulfill aspirations of local public/street artists.

**Update on ARTstravaganza**

Mackinnon speaks to the success of the weekend of arts events that the Arts Council of Windham County hosted. She personally created a slideshow of creativity that featured over 70 artists/arts organizations, which was projected 3 times throughout the weekend. ARTstravaganza also hosted the first annual Arts Market at the River Garden, and screened the first feature film created in Vermont, "A Vermont Romance," a silent film from 1916, shown at the Latchis Theatre.

**Update on Promotions Committee Proposal**

Committee round robin, discussing the idea of collaborating with the DBA.

Salviani has been working on alternatives by meeting with the Downtown Brattleboro Alliance. Salviani sees this as a good, sustainable way to move forward.

Round robin to share thoughts on moving forward in this direction:

Anderson sees it as a natural partnership, with consideration to the fact that the DBA is focussed on Downtown and TAC is focussed on the entire Town.

Salviani still wants arts organization to have access / seat at the table, possibly through representation.

The idea is to integrate Arts into DBA.

Burlington was cited as an example of funded Town Arts integrated with small businesses.  
(SEABA)

TAC is guiding to create something new, not to be administrative. More of a visionary provider and to help create a broader context.

A merger with DBA, as long as artists are seen as integral to the effort.

### **Tad Montgomery / Highway Art Proposal**

Mollie Burke, State Rep warns against confounding Art with Billboard Law

Tad presents idea of entire community/town submitting proposals with Kickstarter as funding mechanism, TAC issuing RFP

A committee is formed to vet what can be done, cannot be done

SB has final veto power over proposals

TAC has precedence with Bus Shelter and a document online: Public Art Policy

Q. are there any other large scale placements possible (outside of highway areas)

Timing good to further Public Art with NEA Track 3 nearing completion

Whole town will repeat support when seen as benefiting all

Montgomery will work to create a Selectboard-ready proposal to be brought to the next TAC meeting for approval.

### **Hannah Cosman Room Art**

TAC agrees that the entire committee should approve proposed artwork to be hung in the Hannah Cosman Room.

Mackinnon's Train Art will come down for June.

TAC approved abstract images taken near the West River for display in October.

**Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm**