

Town Arts Committee
5-13-14 **Draft Minutes**

Members present: Kate Anderson (Chair) Doug Cox (recorder pro-temp), Jake Roberts, Hugh Keelan, John Wilmerding, Nicholas Biddle, Donna Macomber (Selectboard liaison)

Guests: Judith Reichsman

The Meeting convened at 4:05 in the Hannah Cosman room. It was confirmed the meeting was warned and a quorum was present.

Minutes of 4-8-14 were approved

Public Comment: Judith Reichsman spoke about InterPlay and two public events she will be producing in Brattleboro: The Unbelievable Beauty of Being Bovine June 7 and The Unbelievable Beauty of Being Human October 10-12. She recommended InterPlay as a resource for community building. She also asked if the community has a more effective way to communicate and coordinate with others planning events.

SelectBoard Review: Those present felt the conversation with the SelectBoard was helpful and productive. Communications with the Board feels more open and our charge and work more clear. Moved and approved 5-0: **TAC will provide an image of Brattleboro Art to be included in the packet for each SelectBoard Meeting.** Members agreed to select and send two digital images to the Town Manager's Secretary on the following schedule: June – Roberts, July – Keelan, August – Biddle, September – Anderson, October – Cox, November – Wilmerding.

SeVIAE: We reviewed a resolution in support of "Southeastern Vermont Initiative of Arts Education" prepared by Biddle. SeVIAE will bring a revised request for Town endorsement for TAC and SelectBoard consideration. A special TAC meeting for this may be called for May 27.

Sidewalks: Public Works has offered to remove the Sidewalk Art Installation in front of Hotel Pharmacy in June. Anderson will ask if this can be delayed till September so that proposals for replacement Sidewalk Art for that site can be solicited and processed. Keelan will draft an RFP.

Banners: Poles on Flat St. are outfitted to hold banners. Tim Stevenson and Post Oil Solutions are reconfiguring their banner project with Flat St. poles in mind. Updates expected soon.

Public Art Inventory: Roberts has compiled significant list of possible public art projects. He described seven. One involved installation of a sculpture by Putney artist Charles Ginniver along the Connecticut River. Roberts will follow up on this project with the artist as well as prepare formal descriptions for the May 27 meeting of TAC for consideration and processing through Public Art Policy procedures.

Meeting adjourned 5:42 pm.