

Town Arts Committee
8/21/12 **Draft Minutes**

Members present: Kate Anderson (Chair) Doug Cox (recorder pro-temp), Stephen Dybas, Sarah Rice

1. It was confirmed that the **meeting was warned**.
2. **Minutes of 7-17-12** were approved as distributed. Minutes of June 5 and June 19 meetings are still not available for approval. The chair will continue to assign recording duties on a rotating basis.
3. Rice will draft a **press statement about TAC** that can be supplied to those working on projects TAC is involved with to help insure TAC is referenced in publicity.
4. Anderson reports that the **Paint the Pavement** neighborhood project on Cedar Street is progressing well through approval process. We looked at the project proposal the group submitted to the Traffic Safety Committee and other Town officials. Dybas will review the Public Arts Policy and see how it addresses issues of maintenance and removal of this project in the future.
5. The **Transportation Center Mural** is complete. It will be up to the artists to arrange Gallery Walk opening or other publicity. It is expected a new installation will be sought a year from now and we should clarify the process before then.
6. The **Aids Quilt Mural** on the High-Grove parking lot wall may be expanded this fall. Questions about the area approved for painting were referred to the application for the project which is attached to these minutes.
7. We approved (4-0) the following statement to clarify TAC's action at its April meeting:
Re NEA Our Town (Creative Placemaking) grant *The Brattleboro Project*
This grant application was successful, in part, due to the long term efforts of TAC to engage with the community's arts sector on strategic planning, to work closely with the Town Planning Department, Town Management, and other departments. It is expected that TAC's voice continue to be active as the grant implementation moves forward.
TAC functions as a committee of the Selectboard of the Town of Brattleboro, and operates within the expectations of public process, open meeting law, and the over-arching mandate to provide the community with a ready voice to communicate the varied resources of Brattleboro's Arts sector.
With this in mind, The Town Arts Committee has approved (7-0) the motion to appoint Kate Anderson, member of the NEA Creative Placemaking (Our Town) grant management team, as Point Person to TAC as the grant proceeds through implementation. In this capacity, Anderson will, on a regular basis, inform TAC of decisions, process, schedule, and any other information TAC may request as well as convey information from TAC to the NEA grant management team.
8. Cox reported on the early September release of an ACWC/AFTA study on the **economic impact** of the non-profit arts sector in Windham County. TAC discouraged the analysis of Brattleboro specific findings until after the whole study has been considered.
9. Sarah Rice was nominated and elected (4-0) to serve at **TAC Chair** starting Sept 1.

10. Anderson and Dybas reported on the **Town Committee training session** on August 9. TAC members are encouraged to review the Brattleboro Advisory Committees Policies & Procedures Handbook available from the Town Managers Secretary.
11. Concern was raised about **committee attendance**. Anderson will send a memo to TAC members about this.

12. Adjourned at 5:23

Next meeting Tuesday, September 18, 4:00 pm, Hanna Cosman room.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Cox