

Town Arts Committee
8-27-13 **Draft Minutes**

Members present: Kate Anderson (Chair) Doug Cox (recorder pro-temp), Jackie Abrams, Patrick Moreland

. Guests: John Wilmerding,

1. Called to order at 4:03, It was confirmed that the **meeting was warned**.
2. **Minutes of 7-9-13** were approved as distributed.
3. **Public Participation:** John Wilmerding spoke about the discussion within the Town Finance Committee about payment in lieu of taxes for non-profit entities and how this might affect arts organizations. TAC felt that a clear statement of how exemption from Town and School District taxation currently works would be helpful.

Wilmerding also raised concerns about the busking licensing regulations and process.

4. **Angels:** Meg Donahue presented her project to the Town Department Heads and the Selectboard. There is no objection to the project and the Town seems pleased to be supporting this project.
5. **Public Arts Policy.** Patrick Moreland said he would like to have a document that describes how public art projects on Town property work their way through Town Government. He will take leadership of drafting this document this fall. Any ideas or resources for this work should be sent to him. He will keep TAC informed of the document's contents.
6. **CoreArts:** Anderson reported Lesley Myetta has been hired as project administrative assistant for 8 hours per week.

The leadership team has been talking with key persons about CoreArts Project and the concept of an arts district. The findings from these talks will be part of the Project records and will be summarized for the public panel speakers.

The first Panel is September 21.

7. **Artist List:** Cox reported that ACWC is preparing a database and listings of arts businesses and venues. Fairly complete printouts should be available by Sept 15 as input for the Sept 21 panel. Abrams has volunteered as part of her TAC role to expand the list to include more independent artists working in Brattleboro. Her goal is to have a fairly comprehensive list by Jan 1.
8. **Day's End:** Cox met with James Kitchen about the possibility of his sculpture "Day's End" coming home to Brattleboro for 6-12 months starting in October. He is very pleased with the green to the north of the Archery building as a potential location. Cox will continue as point person on this. We await word from Kitchen

that the sculpture can be available during that period and a budget for installation and any other costs. Moreland clarified that he is the place to start in getting approval for this use of Town property.

9. Adjourned at 5:10

Next meeting Tuesday, September 10, 4:00 pm, Selectboard meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Cox