

Brattleboro Town Arts Committee  
12-03-14 **Draft Minutes**

**Members present:** Nicholas Biddle (chair), Kate Anderson, Doug Cox, Hugh Keelan, John Wilmerding, David Potter (clerk), Donna Macomber (Selectboard representative)

**Guests:** Jessie Rosa, John Dimick, Erin Maile O'Keefe

**The Meeting convened** at 4:07 pm in the Selectboard Meeting Room. It was confirmed the meeting was warned and a quorum present.

**Minutes:** of 11-11-14 were approved by a 6-0 vote.

**CoreArts and the NEA grant:** TAC voted and approved a reconfigured management team of Weitz/Keelan/Francis . That team will continue to be the management team of the grant and will be discussing the completion of the grant's Track 2 and culmination of Track 3.

**Public Art Policy:** Following discussion of the desirability of using the Transportation Center Mural space for permanent installations, or keeping it for rotating short term murals, proposals are being requested for a new exhibit, for which there would be a twelve-month exhibition term, with a firm 'white-wash' date after that time.

It was decided to warn a discussion at our next meeting: "Can TAC acquire an inventory of local public art spaces?"

By consensus, TAC adopts Douglas Cox' draft definition of a 'cultural district' as a working document, subject to review after three to six months.

"Brattleboro Cultural District.

D. Cox for TAC 12-3-14

The Brattleboro Town Arts Committee recognizes all of Brattleboro as a cultural district, containing individuals, organizations, and facilities of value to the cultural life of Brattleboro and the surrounding area.

We recognize that within the Town there are significant clusters of these assets and that these clusters provide opportunities to strengthen and promote a vibrant arts community.

We also recognize that Brattleboro serves as a hub for a much larger regional cultural community and as such has both opportunities and responsibilities.

This recognition of a cultural district should serve to:

- Provide a recognized identity and value for our cultural assets locally and regionally
- Stimulate and support joint marketing of our culture sector
- Support investment in arts businesses and organizations
- Attract new artists and arts businesses to our town "

Next Meeting: The next regularly scheduled TAC meeting will be Tuesday, January 13, from 4 to 5:30 pm in the Hannah Cossman room.

Meeting adjourned at 6:06 pm