



CITY OF DOVER

ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: First Floor Conference Room, City Hall
Meeting Date: Monday, March 2, 2026
Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Elise Morissette, Kim Hanson, Jacqueline Manning, Jane Hamor, Paige Vaughn, Yulia Rothenberg, Amy Warnock, and Jon Nichols, and Shane Morin

Other: Paul Crouser - Planning Staff, Richard Robison – City Council Representative

Excused: Aleka Monroe, Sarah Davidson

Unexcused:

Called to Order at 6:35pm.

Land Acknowledgement read by J.Nichols

1. Citizens Forum:

n/a

2. Approval of February Minutes

- a. Corrected several scrivener's errors.*
- b. J.Manning moved to approve the February minutes with corrections noted. J.Nichols seconded. Vote: U/A*

3. Marketing

- a. Aleka and Sarah are absent so no updates*
- b. Encouraged Shane, literary laureate, to send updates to those two members to post on social media.*

4. Literary Laureate

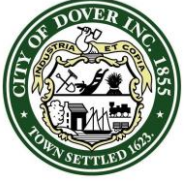
- a. Dover reads is underway; 10 more books to pass out*
- b. Locations to pick up books are Auspicious Brew, Aplomb Gallery, The Dover Color Bar, Dover Adult Learning, and Dover Public Library yet*

5. Bylaws

- a. Amy reviewed the bylaws with the commission members*
 - i. Asking clarification of group communication (solution being message out and don't respond, or answer to an individual)*
 - ii. Asking clarification of nonpublic meetings, work groups vs sub committees, and the checklist mentioned in bylaws the message*

6. Project Updates

- a. Grove St. Public Art*
 - i. flags on the building to show the Yankee Flyer; art deco train design; waiting to get permissions to use image and getting cost quote; might alter the design to hug the side of the building rather than sticking out;*



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- b. *Truette Mural*
 - i. *artist is finalizing the design*
- c. *Art Beat*
 - i. *Contacting all the artists and locations (Paige and Kim)*
- d. *Traffic Control Boxes*
 - i. *Holly and the DHS art students are ready to go in April with the mural*
- e. *Riverside Sculpture Series: continued in Matters of Interest*
- f. *Fiber Frenzy*
 - i. *Commission agreed to take down Fiber Frenzy as a project, asking the public to relive the material stored in city hall for the project*
- g. *Art Stops w/ COAST*
 - i. *Starting in spring, estimated around May*
- h. *Community Trail*
 - i. *Chalkfest needs funds for printed marketing and small chalkboards to make event more accessible; more updates in Unfinished Business/Budget Report*
- i. *Graffiti Committee*
 - i. *Richard brought to commission that the city plans to dissolve the Graffiti Committee, Jacqueline confirmed saying the committee was supposed to be around for about 2 years*
- j. *9-11 Memorial*
 - i. *Meeting March 4th, designing a sculpture in the courtyard in front of Chinburg Mills, the design planned will 200K and Chinburg has offered to help prepare and pay for the sculpture*

7. Unfinished Business

- a. *Budget*
 - i. *Remaining balance of \$3,361.94, with Legacy Funds of \$12,965.57*
 - ii. *E.Morissette moved to set aside up to \$1K to the Community Trail to use for Chalkfest as necessary. A.Warnock seconded. Vote: U/A*
- b. *Commission members deliberated whether to use remaining funds to grant either 1K or \$1,175 to the Cochecho Arts Festival to sponsor a performance; Y.Rothenberg sits on the board for Cochecho Arts Festival and will ask in their next meeting what needs have to be met, commission will wait to vote the amount once updated after the meeting*
- c. *Riverside Sculpture Series*



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- i. Paul reviewed the Sculpture contract, encouraged members to provide input*
- ii. From the previous meeting, Chris Parker talked about adding funds to the DAC through a capital fund to fund the Riverside Sculpture Series for the next few years; would allow to build 3 new sculpture pads and pay artists for a few year*
- d. J.Hamors moved to pay \$500 to each artist selected for the sculpture series (\$250 on install, and uninstall) instead of the budgeted \$300 (\$150 on install, and uninstall). Y.Rothenberg seconded. Vote: U/A*
- e. The tunnel artwork on the Community Trail needs some TLC , the Rec department will need to be contacted and get a quote from Northeast Color*
- f. Fish Ladder Park will be finished this year with gear on granite slab installation*
 - i. Aleka had found a sculpture that makes these metal fish that are currently estimate about \$50 each; Aleka proposes that we either install them in the Community Trail Tunnel or on the fish ladder in Fish Ladder Park; more discussion to come*

8. Matters of Interest/Updates

- a. J.Nichols is hosting an art show for DHS and Arts Honors Society at Woodman Museum, March 5th is the opening date*

9. Adjourn

- a. E.Morissette moved to adjourn. J.Nicols seconded. Vote: U/A. Time 8:01 PM*