

CITY OF DOVER

ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: First Floor Conference Room, City Hall
Meeting Date: Monday, May 4, 2026
Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Elise Morissette, Jane Hamor, Yulia Rothenberg, Amy Warnock, Aleka Munroe, Jacqueline Manning, Patti Woodson, Sarah Davidson

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

Excused: Paige Vaughn, Jon Nichols, Kim Hanson, and Shane Morin

Unexcused:

Called to Order at 6:36pm.

Land Acknowledgement read by A.Munroe

1. Citizens Forum:

- a. *Introductions*
- b. *Rebecca, local artist, came because she was curious about the meetings; inquired about the aluminum panels used for the puzzle mural and how to get insurance for her current Earcraft building mural. Y.Rothenberg and A.Munroe had suggestions they would make offline.*
- c. *Elizabeth Caldwell, local artist, interest in mural project that pertain to her work of glass painting on antique windows and installs them in building windows.*

2. Approval of May Minutes

- a. *Excuse Councilor Robison; label street names for the recent lightbox mural*
- b. *A.Munroe moved to approve the May minutes with corrections noted. Y.Rothenberg seconded. Vote: U/A*

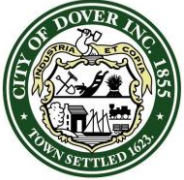
3. DAC Budget Report

- a. *Estimated operating budget \$1,924.44 Legacy is \$12,954;*
- b. *Payment complete for Cocheco Arts Festival;*
- c. *E.Morissette moved to rollover any unspent funds within the FY26 operating budget into the legacy fund. A.Warnick seconded. Vote: U/A*
- d. *J.Hamor proposed in the meeting that we need to review the budget before the retreat; the thought is the executives of the commission meet over the summer and draft a proposal of where funds should be allotted and how much should be requested for each category (things to consider is funding a sculpture pad for the library and their bug sculpture which the library is still under construction, working with art partners, and Porch Fest next year).*

4. Cocheco Arts Festival

- a. *Y.Rothenberg reported that the Cocheco Arts Festival had a great opening event at Milk St. Studio and the festival is underway and ready to go.*

5. Riverside Sculpture Series



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- a. *P.Crouser finished the RFP and MOU and sent it city; an email will be sent out to artists once approved*
- b. *The 400th sculpture, River Roots, is installed.*

6. Literary Laureate

- a. *S.Morin excused from this meeting;*
- b. *Jane mentioned that the last event was poorly attended but was really interesting and well done; highly encouraged commission members to show up to the next event.*

7. Mural Project

- a. *There was a small meeting with S.Morin, J.Hamor, E.Morissette, Y.Rothenberg, and J.Nichols. Reviewed things such as locations, themes, costs of murals and augmented reality, and identifying what roles we specifically have;*
- b. *We have specific questions that need answers first before we can contribute help for this project which have been relayed to the Office of Business Development.*

8. Marketing Report

- a. *S.Davidson is still promoting Dover Reads events; asking to make sure she is not over stepping in making events alongside the library (which the commission agreed that it is okay).*

9. Project Updates

- a. *City Arts Grant: no updates*
- b. *Community Trail: Sunday June 7th is Chalkfest, 10a-2p; Y.Rothenberg, A.Munroe, and P.Woodson volunteer as judges.*
- c. *Public Art Projects:*
 - i. *Library, delayed opening until June 26 and working on the bug sculpture installation; for the Grove St Apartments, no response;*
- d. *Art Beat: businesses asking how to keep the art flowing through their space; thinking about changing the format to accommodate this;*
- e. *Art Stops w/ COAST: the RFP is sent out, and potentially taking on an extra poster cost to include the students at the Arts in Reach program;*
- f. *Light Boxes: no updates;*
- g. *Main St Banners: no updates;*
- b. *9-11: breaking ground currently; meeting Thursday June 4th and there is a display at the Dover Clerks Office.*

10. Unfinished Business

- a. *SRPC (art stops of Strafford county): P.Woodson researched the current site finding it is horribly out of date with many things out of date and broken links;*
- b. *P.Woodson will reach out and ask about what needs to happen to make the map workable map;*



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c. As a last act before disbanding, The Graffiti Committee painted a counting caterpillar in Park St Park.

11. **Matters of Interest/Update**

- a. Non-profit Summit at Saint Thomas Church, June 11th 9-11a with breakfast provided;*
- b. Woodman Gala was successful, raising \$23,00 and sponsored many taxidermy animal restoration;*
- c. The Woodman has an art opening, June 5th at 5:30pm.*

12. **Adjourn**

- a. A.Warnock moved to adjourn. Y.Rothenberg seconded. Vote: U/A. Time 7:48 PM*

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