



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, Kim Hanson, Jane Hamor, Yulia Rothenberg, Amy Warnock, Aleka Munroe, Paige Vaughn, Patti Woodson, Sarah Davidson, and Shane Morin

Other: Paul Crouser - Planning Staff, Connor Issa

Excused: Jacqueline Manning, Jon Nichols

Unexcused:

Called to Order at 6:32pm.

Land Acknowledgement read by Y.Rothenberg

1. Citizens Forum:

- a. Citizen arrived towards end of meeting. Comments detailed in Matters of Interest.*

2. Approval of March Minutes

- a. Corrected for missing A.Munroe in previous attendance. Corrected spelling/grammar errors.*
- b. A.Warnock moved to approve the April minutes with corrections noted. A.Munroe seconded. Vote: U/A*

3. DAC Budget Report

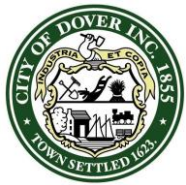
- a. Current FY 25-26 Budget is \$3261.40; Legacy Trust \$12,954 per finance report.*

4. Cocheco Arts Festival

- a. Y.Rothenberg reported that the Cocheco Arts Festival has two financial ways we can assist; pay 1k to sponsor the festival and/or \$750 to sponsor an opening event at Milk St Studio*
- b. Y.Rothenberg moved to allot \$1,750 to Cocheco Arts Festival to sponsor the festival and sponsor a performance at the opening event at Milk St Studio. A.Warnock seconded. Vote: U/A*
- c. The Artist Showcase is August 1st from 12-4pm*

5. Riverside Sculpture Series

- a. J.Hamor and others in the work group walked Nebi Park to see the concrete pads, gathered up some good ideas of what to communicate and look for artwork*
- b. P.Crouser finalizing the Artist Application and MUA and working on that internally; an email will be sent out to artists once complete.*
- c. Install is planned for the end of June; considering hosting an info session for the artists about the project if there is enough interest.*



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6. Literary Laureate

- a. *Coffee talk q/a with author for the Dover Reads project is this month; hosted in the DHS auditorium and promoted within the DHS, on May 7th at 7pm.*
- b. *June 18th is a discussion panel about the book.*
- c. *S.Morin shared sectioned plans for year 26/27, with themes such as more prep time for Dover Reads, a Poetry event that ties together Exeter and Portsmouth, and interest in creating ekphrastic sculptures*

7. Mural Project

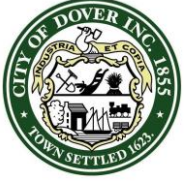
- a. *Business development is checking back in about our interest/assistance for the mural project*
- b. *J.Hamor organizing work group with a lot of Commissioners interested (Yulia, Paige, Elise, Jaqueline) and outside interest (Linea, Shane, citizen Amy Issa)*

8. Marketing Report

- a. *N/A*

9. Project Updates

- a. *City Arts Grant*
 - i. *To be discussed in Matters of Interest*
- b. *Community Trail*
 - i. *Chalk Fest June 7th 10-2 (June 14th rain date), and still needs to request the DAC allotted 1k from the city*
- c. *Public Art Projects:*
 - i. *Jane Bard of the New Hampshire Children's Museum is giving away a metal bug sculpture in the basement of the museum to the Dover Public Library (more info to come)*
 - ii. *Grove St Apartments, J.Hamor will follow up with developer rep*
- d. *Art Beat*
 - i. *Up and running, and so far successful with a handful of locations still working on installing artwork*
- e. *Art Stops w/ COAST*
 - i. *On hold*
- f. *Light Boxes*
 - i. *DHS painted their box and it looks great*
 - ii. *Dover Main St has picked 3 artists for additional traffic boxes*
- g. *Main St Banners*
 - i. *Art submissions not working with what they were looking for*
 - ii. *J.Hamor recommended hiring a graphic designer if needing more specific care*
- h. *9-11 Memorial*
 - i. *No current updates, but there is an info display in city hall in front of the Clerk's Office*



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10. Unfinished Business

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11. Matters of Interest/Update

- a. Map of cultural locations of Dover by Strafford County need updating and new pictures
 - i. This project is complicated and DAC has no say on what is shared through this website, and the new programming could make it more complicated*
 - ii. A.Munroe willing to check in with the contact if this project*
 - iii. P.Woodson to look over the website and report back with her findings**
- b. Woodman Gala is May 29th*
- c. Citizen, Connor Issa, an aspiring author and sobriety advocate, is inquiring about the City Arts Grant to help fund a project focused on bring “meeting magic” via Youtube to people looking to find sobriety community that cannot attend meetings in person
 - i. Commission gave some clarification and guidance, and connecting Connor with our literary laureate and former literary laureate**
- d. The Dover Art Center open house May 16th, 10-6*

12. Adjourn

- a. Y.Rothenberg moved to adjourn. S.Davidson seconded. Vote: U/A. Time 7:50 PM*