

CITY OF DOVER

ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: First Floor Conference Room, City Hall
Meeting Date: Monday, July 26, 2026
Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Elise Morissette, Jane Hamor, Yulia Rothenberg, Aleka Munroe, Jacqueline Manning, Sarah Davidson, Paige Vaughn, Jon Nichols, and Shane Morin

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

Excused: Kim Hanson, Patti Woodson, Amy Warnock

Unexcused:

Called to Order at 6:34pm.

Land Acknowledgement read by Y.Rothenberg

1. Citizens Forum:

- a. *Introductions*
- b. *Brian Hogan, local photographer and videographer, came because he had interest as a volunteer; has a lot of experience from Turbo Cam communications and is starting to launch his own creative media services; left business card.*

2. Approval of May Minutes

- a. *J.Manning moved to approve the June minutes with corrections noted. S.Davidson seconded. Vote: U/A*

3. DAC Budget Report

- a. *Jane reviewed the changes suggested by the executive council*
- b. *Proposed asking amount is \$13,050 (spreadsheet of budget breakdown reviewed in meeting)*
- c. *Some funds moved around in budget breakdown to better reflect prospective DAC activities; evening out the funds for city collaborative projects and Art Commission-sponsored projects*
- d. *P. Vaughn motioned to approve the 26/27 budget with the amendments made during the meeting; E.Morissette seconded. Vote: U/A*

4. Coheco Arts Festival

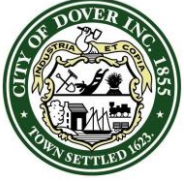
- a. *Begins Friday, July 10th for eight weeks.*

5. Riverside Sculpture Series

- a. *One application sent in so far; email blast reminder to come*
- b. *Opening and dedication at Nebi Park is July 14th at 5:30pm*

6. Literary Laureate

- a. *Dover reads was a learning experience; challenging to get attendance but books were successfully shared; considerations of putting out a survey on the Dover Download to survey people's thoughts/participation of Dover Reads*



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- b. Interest in collabing the teacher from Phillips Exeter Academy for their dark academia booking coming out, as wells as Jezmina Von Thiele and their poetry book coming out this year for next Dover Reads*
- c. S.Morin suggested some fun, one-off events that are easier to manage*
 - i. Thinking about poetry speakeasies, just considering locations that would host it*
 - ii. Could use events to fundraise for different organizations*
 - iii. Jane suggesting that events be hosted in winter months where people are looking to be cozy and not as much going on*

7. Mural Project

- a. Sent the meeting notes to J.Burdin of Office of Business Development.*
 - i. J.Burdin has questions of what the city needs to next; inviting R.Bickley to join next meeting to figure out what to ask businesses*
 - ii. DAC figuring out members to be a part of this meeting*

8. Marketing Report

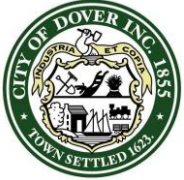
- a. P.Woodson is being trained up to handle more marketing between Facebook and Instagram (getting admin access)*
- b. Figuring out the best way to engage local business with marketing materials*
 - i. Share Dover Dinner Club, art related social event alongside the Art Center, from New Hampshire Art Association*

9. Project Updates

- a. City Arts Grant: Aplomb Gallery applied asking for \$1,000 for a Moon Masquerade Ball*
 - i. DAC had concerns for attendance and using too much of our grant budget for an event so early in our fiscal year; J.Nichols motioned to approve \$500 to cover the material expenses. Y.Rothenberg seconded. Vote: U/A*
- b. Community Trail: Chalkfest was great! \$250 raised, 40 people attended (lower attendance suspected by the change of date)*
- c. Public Art Projects: for the Library, meeting Denise about the bug sculpture installation and mobiles for their public art wall; for the Grove St Apartments, no updates*
- d. Art Stops w/ COAST: Amy suggested we include student art from Aplomb Gallery's art camp along artist applications; DAC members thought it was a good idea to at least include 1 student artwork*
- e. Art Beat: met with the operation manager at the Dover Otto's to brainstorm a way to feature artists throughout the year instead of just one month; the idea is to pilot the program with 3-4 businesses and feature around 12 artists*
- f. Light Boxes: Main St. has their artist and just needs to inform the police on the install days*
- g. 9-11 Memorial: looking for landscaping professionals (maybe Dover Doers)*

10. Unfinished Business

- a. SRPC (art stops of Strafford County): met with website manager to go over what needs to be updated*
 - i. P.Woodson and Y.Rothenberg will be deleting things that are not relevant anymore*
 - ii. Making a deadline for the end of July*



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11. *Matters of Interest/Update*

- a. *J.Nichols presenting Kawabunga Days as a celebration of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*
 - i. *Dates are August 21st-23rd, the 21st is a movie night of TMNT 2: Secret of the Ooze at Henry Law Park (time TBD), 22nd is Pizza Fest with lots of pizza eating, 23rd is Skateboarding Jam at the local skatepark, working with Jeb from City of Commerce to hire 3 bands for this day; Jon is asking the DAC for \$900 to hire 3 bands for the Skateboarding Jam.*
- b. *J.Manning moved to grant The Woodman Museum \$900 to hire 3 bands for Kawabunga Fest, A.Munroe*
- c. *Seconded. Vote: U/A*
- d. *Aleka announced resigning the DAC, this being her last meeting*
 - i. *Planning on donating her art and supplies locally, as she does not see she doesn't have a lot of time left*
 - ii. *Had a booth saved at Apple Harvest Day, and told the event organizer to offer it to an emerging artist*
- e. *Y.Rothenberg shared the UNH traveling theatre, Little Red Wagon, June 7th- Aug 13th*
 - i. *A great program focused for children K-6th grade, that can come to Dover and set up anywhere, with just a fee of \$550 to make an appearance and a location secured*
 - ii. *Could partner with Jane Bard at the Children's Museum; could also partner with Parks and Rec department or the Chamber of Commerce*
 - iii. *Ultimately, the DAC decided to table it until next year because it is too quick a turnaround for the commission, especially securing a location so soon.*

12. *Adjourn*

- a. *J.Hamor moved to adjourn. P. VaughAn seconded. Vote: U/A. Time 8:11 PM*