

## **Arts Commission Updates**

February 22, 2012

Attended meeting on Monday February 13, 2012.

**Operating Rules:** Operating rules were discussed and forwarded to the council for our approval.

**Current Projects:**

The commission is facilitating the High School's Sculpture Project which will place sculpture created by high school art students in the Joe B Parks Garden. This is a very exciting project for the city and for those participating students.

Working with the Dover Chamber of Commerce to enhance Apple Harvest Day with a Arts Pavilion in the McConnell Ctr.

Working in conjunction with Recreation Director Gary Bannon and the NH Children's Museum to work creatively in regards to the equipment upgrades at Henry Law Park. There will be a community Forum on March 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss this further. Some initial ideas are to have climbable sculpture versus the traditional park equipment. Much of this will also need to dovetail with the bridge placement which will occur very close to the area of the equipment upgrade. Also in this same area is the Museum park side entrance, so this is a good time for consideration of how to make that entire area more appealing and dynamic.

The commission is always working on the Creative Economy. This is a major goal of the commission to bring awareness to this and also attract more creative businesses to Dover. In order to emphasize this there was discussion of conducting a survey of local residents to get feedback and input on the creative economy in Dover. We also feel there is a need to do a better job of marketing all the great events and artists Dover currently has. A few ways that were discussed were; to work with the Chamber of Commerce, use of emails similar to what is done with the Dover Download, and driving people to our database of artists the city has on file.

Respectfully Submitted,

Councilor Edward Spuler