Watertown Public Arts and Culture Committee Monday, September 22, 2025, 6:00 PM

3rd Floor Conference Room, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA 02472

Zoom link: https://watertown-ma.zoom.us/j/89677945000
Meeting ID: 896 7794 5000 Call in: +16465588656

Agenda

- 1. Opening Inspiration
- 2. Welcome
- 3. Approval of July minutes
- 4. Subcommittee and Project Team Reports
 - a. Governance & Funding
 - i. New member update: interviewing candidates (3)
 - ii. Public Art Policy DRAFT: review sections "Purpose" through "Public Art Project Priorities" pages 3-7
 - i. October review: "Crafting a Call for Art/Artists" through "Required Paperwork for Selected Artists" plus Appendices A-F (pages 7-10, 14-23)
 - ii. November review: "Evaluation" and "Additional Resources" plus Appendix G (pages 10-13, 29)
 - iii. \$5000 Mass Cultural Council Community Experiences Grant for Community Sculpture Walk: not awarded
 - b. Outreach
 - i. Media
 - i. Monthly PAC Arts Bulletin
 - ii. Watertown Cultural District website: watertownmaculture.com
 - ii. Events
 - i. Report on Watertown Arts Market on Saturday, August 9, 12-5pm
 - ii. Facepainting at Faire on the Square on Saturday, September 13, 12-5pm
 - May also volunteer at the Watertown Cultural District and Watertown Cultural Council table to share projects
 - iii. Pigsgusset Initiative has asked the PACC to endorse the annual Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebration as Hosmer School on Sunday, October 12, Noon-3:30pm
 - i. PACC endorsed in 2024
 - ii. Discuss and vote
 - c. Edible Watertown
 - i. Expert Pairings ends in October
 - i. "Tangled Connections" The Unruly Plant Workshop at the library on October 8, 6:30-7:30pm
 - ii. "River Run" mural at the Watertown Dam fish run TBA this fall
 - iii. "Remixing the Forest" at Arsenal Yards green on October 18, 6:30-9pm
 - iv. "Faces of the Forest" walk and talk at Marion Rd entrance to Whitney Hill on October 25, 10-11am
 - ii. Edible Plants

- i. Review Call for Recipes and Call for Art
- d. Community Sculpture Walk
 - i. Call launched on August 4, closes November 2, 2025
 - ii. Current applications: 3
- e. WaterTunes
 - i. Song collection has launched <u>here</u>
 - ii. Playlist is live on the city's YouTube here
- f. River of Light
 - i. Scheduled at the Mosesian Center for the Arts on January 17, 2026
 - ii. \$2000 to the MCA from the Watertown Community Foundation
 - iii. Shadow puppets with Rahul Koonathara
- 5. Old Business
 - a. Call for Art: Open for Business launched on July 17, closes October 26, 2025
 - b. Treaty Day 250 update
- 6. New Business
 - a. Watertown Cultural Council applications open September 2 October 16
 - b. Next meeting on October 27, 2025
- 7. Visitor Input
- 8. Adjourn