

Watertown Public Arts and Culture Committee
Monday, October 27, 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 September minutes
4. Subcommittee and Project Team Reports
 - a. Governance & Funding
 - i. No new member update
 - ii. Nominations for Vice Chair
 - iii. Public Art Policy DRAFT:
 - i. Review updated section on “Care and Maintenance” pg 4
 - ii. Review “Crafting a Call for Art/Artists” through “Required Paperwork for Selected Artists” plus Appendices A-F (pages 7-10, 14-23)
 - iii. November review: “Evaluation” and “Additional Resources” plus Appendix G (pages 10-13, 29) and vote on Public Art Policy approval
 - b. Outreach
 - i. Media
 - i. Monthly PAC Arts Bulletin
 - ii. Watertown Cultural District website: watertownmaculture.com
 - ii. Marketing
 - i. New media list
 - ii. Talking points under development
 - iii. Improved displays for events
 - iii. Events: Report on Indigenous Peoples’ Day Celebration at Hosmer School on Sunday, October 12, Noon-3:30pm
 - i. PACC endorsed the event in 2024 and 2025
 - c. Edible Watertown
 - i. Three Expert Pairings projects ended in October:
 - i. “Tangled Connections” The Unruly Plant Workshop at the library on October 8, 6:30-7:30pm
 - ii. “Remixing the Forest” at Arsenal Yards green on October 18, 6:30-9pm
 - iii. “Faces of the Forest” walk and talk at Marion Rd entrance to Whitney Hill on October 25, 10-11am
 - ii. “River Run” mural now to be installed Spring 2026 due to permitting delays
 - iii. Expert Pairings will be showcased as the November exhibit at the Watertown Free Public Library
 - i. Artifacts and information from each project
 - ii. Reception on Friday, November 21 at 7pm as prelude to Yo-Yo Ma simulcast

- i. Tickets set aside for artists and PACC members
 - d. Community Sculpture Walk
 - i. Call launched on August 4, closes November 2, 2025
 - ii. Current applications: 5
 - e. WaterTunes
 - i. Song collection has launched [here](#)
 - ii. Playlist is live on the city's YouTube [here](#)
 - iii. Summer Concert Series applications under review, WaterTunes is the season finale on Wednesday, August 26, 2026
 - 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. \$3000 projected from partner Watertown Cultural Council
 - iv. Program details are being finalized
5. Old Business
- a. Call for Art: Open for Business launched on July 17, closed October 26, 2025
 - i. Review over next two weeks (Matt Hanna)
 - b. Watertown Cultural Council applications closed October 16, notification in December
 - c. Treaty Day 250 update
6. New Business
- a. Horses in Watertown
 - b. "Open for Business" collaboration with MassArt students at Sullivan Park
 - i. The Light Between November 3-17
 - ii. Opening experience on November 3 from 5-6pm
 - c. Next meeting on November 24
 - d. Vote on whether or not to have a December meeting (Christmas week)
7. Visitor Input
8. Adjourn