

Public Arts Commission
Monday, February 9, 2026

Attendees: Anita Adler, Chris DeLorenzo, Nell Fitts-Russo, Andrew Flanagan, Molly Foley, Hannah Keller, Lauren Kosky-Stamm, Carlos Jaquez, Pamela Soltes, David Whitney, William Wrigley.

Staff – Phil Geoffroy, Chief Communications Officer; Paul Materazzo, Director of Planning & Land Use; Ann Ormond, Director of Arts, Business and Cultural Development; Austin Simko, Deputy Town Manager/Town Clerk

Absent: Stefanie McIver

Meeting called to order at 3:03 PM

Andrew Flanagan and Austin Simko welcomed commission members.

Commission members and staff made introductions.

Austin provided an overview of the Open Meeting Law and the Public Record Law.

Austin reviewed Commission Charge:

1. Form and placement of public art
2. Apply for grant funding
3. Awarding Monies
4. Encourage and promote community participation
5. Serve as an advocate for public art

The Commission then discussed initial themes and questions:

- How many projects will we be supporting?
- Need to look at priority locations, potentially form a sub-committee to look at other towns and what they have done, need to “divide and conquer” with this large group to look at funding, locations, themes.
- Will we be pursuing temporary or permanent installations or lease?
- How has the Town handled public art in the past?
- Urge the members to not make tasks too complicated; we should look to have a project be achievable, look for smaller projects to start with.
- The question was asked, what do commissioners want for a future meeting? Requested materials include a map of potential public art locations, potential partners, and a review of future municipal projects where public art may be included.

- Suggest that we connect with different geographical parts of Andover, incorporate AVIS trails, create surprises.
- There are already groups/partners doing projects in the community whom the Town can partner with
- We need to engage with schools
- Suggest the idea of working with AHS National Art Honor Society.
- Partner with the Andover Cultural Council.
- Support local Andover artists.
- Suggest that all art does not have to be “Andover related.”

Next Steps:

After discussion it was determined that Monday afternoons at 3 PM would work for the members for future meetings. Suggest meeting every 3 weeks.

At the next meeting on March 2nd, the commission would consider election of officers, i.e., Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk.

Ann will present a working draft of potential public art locations, overview of towns that are doing public art. She will also reach out to Lillian Hsu, Director of Public Art in Cambridge, to address the commission.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 PM.