

Public Art Committee Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2025 1:00 PM
Zoom Meeting

Committee Members and Staff in Attendance: Colin Storrs, Doreen Kraft, Sara Katz, Sophie Sauvé, Deb Wilkison, Julia Ursaki, Sarah Morgan

1. Call to Order Meeting called to order at 1:05 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes and Adoption of Agenda

- **Motion to Approve Minutes:** Proposed by Deb Wilkison, seconded by Sophie Sauvé at 1:05 PM and passed all in favor and 1 abstention.
- **Motion to Adopt Agenda:** Proposed by Deb Wilkison, seconded by Julia Ursaki at 1:07 PM and passed unanimously.

3. Chief Greylock Assessment Update

- The Public Art Committee received a report from Tree Works indicating that the structural degradation of Chief Greylock is significant enough to consider deaccessioning the piece for public safety reasons.
- The committee was informed that deaccessioning can be initiated by the Public Art Committee or, in cases of imminent public safety threats, by the BCA Executive Director. While the condition is not yet an emergency, the process should be completed with due diligence.
- The Committee was informed that representatives from REIB, BCA, and BPRW have met with the Missisquoi Abenaki Tribal Council and Chief Gagne to provide an update and request recommendations on how they wish to proceed.
- **Motion: Proposed by Sophie Sauvé, seconded by Sarah Morgan at 1:50 PM, Motion passed unanimously:**
“The Public Art Committee recommends that the Public Art Administrator begin the deaccessioning process of Chief Greylock due to its deteriorated condition, based on the condition assessment completed in November 2024. The process will involve coordination with the Missisquoi Abenaki Tribe, the Racial Equity Inclusion and Belonging Department of Burlington, and the Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Department to inform decision-making.”

4. Lake Champlain Basin Program: Artist in Residency Program

- The Committee was informed that the Lake Champlain Basin Program has selected BCA (pending contract finalization) to support the development of a youth-focused artist residency program. The residency will create a piece of public art centered on the Barge Canal and facilitate the installation of a temporary public art piece along Pine Street.

5. Great Streets: Main Street Project | Nancy Winship Milliken Project

- The Committee received an update on the Great Streets Main Street project and the evolution of artist Nancy Winship Milliken’s work, now titled *LakeTree Meadow*.
- There was a discussion regarding the maintenance plan, particularly in light of the ongoing deaccessioning discussion concerning Chief Greylock.

6. Adjournment at 2:11 PM.