

ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Special Meeting of Tuesday, 27 May 2014
Downtown Partnership Office, Storrs Center Transportation Center

MINUTES

1. The meeting was **called to order** at 5:02p by Kim Bova. *Members present:* Kim Bova, Scott Lehmann, David Vaughan. *Members absent:* Tom Bruhn. *Others present:* Cynthia van Zelm (Downtown Partnership), Jay O’Keefe (staff).

{**Background.** The Committee had agreed on 06 May that members should individually look at proposals elicited by the Town’s Request for Proposals for sculpture or other public art at the new Town Square before meeting again to discuss them at 5:00p, Wednesday, 14 May, at the Partnership Office. Members spent an hour at this immediately following the 06 May meeting, individually returning to the Downtown Partnership Office over the next week for additional study of the proposals and supporting material. The 14 May meeting was attended by all members, plus Ms. van Zelm and Prescott Powers, a Mansfield artist with expertise in sculpture. No agenda from the Parks and Recreation Department had materialized, so it was unclear that the Committee could actually conduct any official business. Nonetheless, the proposals were discussed with a view to arriving at a provisional short list that could be revisited and affirmed or modified at a subsequent official meeting.}

2. Communication. As requested, Chapin has sent a plaster maquette with a letter detailing the three surface textures that would be created on various parts of his “River flowing over Mill” sculpture: rough split, pounded, and polished.

3. Town Square art: recommendation. On the basis of Chapin’s more revealing maquette, the Committee agreed after some discussion on a short list of proposals, consisting of Boyajian’s “Eye of the Needle” & “Weaving Shuttle” and Chapin’s “River flowing over Mill.” Kim, Jay, and Ms. van Zelm are to meet with the donors to present and explain the Committee’s recommendations.

4. Adjourned at 5:30p.

Scott Lehmann, Secretary, 02 June 2014; approved 03 June 2014.