



Watertown Square Cultural District Partnership

Monday, May 13, 2025, 4:00 pm

Zoom link: <https://watertown-ma.zoom.us/j/83683744923>

Meeting ID: 836 8374 4923 Call in: +16465588656

**Attendees:**

Krisen Kenny (Chair), Jeannette Belcher-Schepis (Co-Secretary), Lois Pond (Co-Secretary), Liz Helfer, Marilyn Roach, Jack Dargon, Jamie Gordon, Susan Jones, Joyce Kelly, Andrea Santarpio, Perrin McCormick, Dee (Danielle) Drapeau, Kelsey Tidball, Jackie Dentino, Roberta Miller, Morgan Henderson, Leah Kotok, Stephanie Venizelos, Lisa Feltner, and Mathew Stevens.

**1. Welcome** - Kristen called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm

**2. Acceptance of Minutes** -

Liz motioned to accept the June 2025 minutes; Susan seconded.  
Marilyn and Joyce abstained, but approved otherwise.

**3. Annual Partner Report: results and Mass Cultural Council reporting**

- Tracking Partners' in-person **and digital attendance** suggested for next report
- Requirements for the initial funding from MCC are complete for 2025
- WSCD is currently eligible for the next round of funding
- A total of 29 surveys were distributed with 22 returned
- Greater emphasis needed re district-wide marketing efforts (new committee)
- Surveys were very useful to update contact info as well as volunteer data

Roberta will add data for Mosesian Center for the Arts before info is shared  
Liz will share the back-end data with everyone

**4. Outreach**

a. Community Engagement Specialist Report

For July and August, events will be posted on partners' behalf in order to beef-up the district calendar for the summer months.

b. Please update your events on the website: [www.watertownmaculture.com](http://www.watertownmaculture.com)

- i. MA 250th Events - A new dedicated page for 250th is being populated on the website with links to official MA-wide pages.

## 5. Events

### a. Watertown Arts Market

- i. Please get all materials to **Liz by Monday, August 4**  
**Space will be available at WCD Table for materials/collateral**

### b. Register for Faire on the Square on 9/13 from 12-5pm:

<https://www.faireonthesquare.com>

#### i. Space will be available at WCD Table for materials/collateral

1. Volunteers are still needed

### c. Porchfest 2026

- i. There are three (3) new committee members - seeking Chair  
Funding has been approved– kick off will be towards the end of October.

## 6. New Business

### a. Creating a Marketing subcommittee

- i. Will elevate the visibility of the Watertown Cultural District and its partners
- ii. Support from Erin Rathe, Economic Development Planner, and Dee (Danielle) Drapeau, Cultural District Outreach Coordinator  
Mathew, Kristen, Jeannette, and Jackie would like to join this committee.  
Additional discussion to follow in August with vote in September.

## 7. Upcoming Events and Programs

- Historical Society/ Historic 250 Events -
  - 7/15 @ 5-6pm “Treaty Day” (donations of non-perishable food items for WFP)
  - 3rd Sunday - 1-3:30 Fowle House Tours
  - Revolution 250 Podcast with Fowle House Tour
- Mosesian Center for the Arts
  - Currently enrolling Summer Stages & Studios thru 8/29;
  - Visit the exhibition on *Adored Pets* thru 8/29.
- WCA-TV
  - Every 4th monday podcasting studio
  - 8/11-8/13 - Hosting a field production workshop;
  - July 22@6pm - Public Ascertainment Hearing - renewal of Comcast relationship  
\*Important: Please attend meeting at City Hall to support WCA-TV
- Mount Auburn Cemetery
  - **Improv Poetry** with Emily Duggan – July 27 @ 10:00 AM - 4:00 pm
  - **Sunset Sound Meditations**- August 1 @ 6:30 PM - 7:30 pm
  - **Cemetery Cinema** - 8/26& 8/27 @ 8:00pm - 11:00 pm
  - **Dinner under the Oaks** - Friday, September 12 @ 5:00 - 8:30 pm
  - Two (2) new entrances- Kondazian & Grove / Mt. Auburn & Grove
  - Scots Charitable Society Iron Fence (1841) is newly restored - Please visit!
- Gore Place
  - Concert w/ Jon Waterman - 7/16 @ 7:00 pm
  - Bubbles at the Barnyard - 7/23 @ 10:00 am
  - Weaving on a Loom - 7/26@ 1:00 pm
  - Corn Roast - 8/14 @ 5:00 pm

- Watertown Walks on Thursday 7/17 @10am - meet up @ 480 Pleasant Street
- Farmers Market every Wednesday thru October

Please see a full listing of additional events happening throughout the Watertown Cultural District / community by visiting the WCD Website: <https://watertownmaculture.com/>

Please reach out to Liz or Dee if any assistance is needed with uploading events to the website.

**12. Next meeting scheduled on Monday, August 11, 2025, at 4pm via zoom**

Motion to adjourn – Roberta

Seconded – Mathew

Meeting Adjourned at 4:47 pm

**Submitted by Jeannette Belcher-Schepis, Co-Secretary**