



SOUTH BURLINGTON PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday, September 10, 2026

The South Burlington PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE held a special meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2026, at 12:00 PM at 180 Market Street in Room 310, and by online participation.

Members Present: Sebastian Ryder (Chair), Amanda Holland, Sophia Babbitt, Isaac Cates, Karen Lamos, Thomas Lindley, Bryce Myers, Ilona Blanchard (Staff Liaison, non-voting)

Members Not Present: Penne Tomkins, Mark Behr, Michele Bailey (Vermont Art Council, non-voting), Tim Barritt (City Council Liaison, non-voting)

Also in Attendance: Maedeh Asgharpur (Gallery Curator)

1. The meeting was convened at 12:02 PM by Sebastian.
 - a. This Special Meeting was convened to discuss and approve the proposed Public Art Gallery exhibit of work by Katie Loesel for September. The previously planned display of works by UVM artists has been postponed at the request of UVM, so as not to conflict with a similar on campus exhibit.
 - b. All attendees were remote except Ilona, thus no review of emergency procedures was necessary.
 - c. Karen was identified as the minute taker for the meeting.
2. Opportunity for Public comment on items not on other agenda - no public were present.
3. South Burlington Public Art Gallery
 - a. Maedeh reviewed some of the proposal information for on the proposed exhibit by artist Katie Loesel entitled Recorded Geology. The exhibit is planned for installation on September 15, 2026 and exhibit will run from September 17th - November 5th. The opening Reception is planned for September 24th.
 - b. The Committee had some questions on the title and inspiration and if what is stated in the proposal applied across all 3 of the series of works proposed or just the initial one mentioned (Plastiglomerate) series.
 - c. A suggestion was made to have an explanation of the inspiration for the works included in the exhibit.
 - d. A discussion also ensued about including something about the exhibit as part of the South Burlington Energy Festival on September 19th. Ilona will get information to Sophia to see if the exhibit information can be included in the promotional information for the event due to the theme of the exhibit.

- e. Maedeh will be hanging the exhibit on September 15th. If anyone is available before or after our regular meeting on that date, Maeda would welcome setup help.
 - f. Isaac made a motion to approve the Katie Loesel exhibit, and it was seconded by Karen. The motion was approved unanimously.
- 4. Sebastian mentioned that a discussion about the committee's potential participation in the Energy Festival will be included in the next regular Committee meeting.
- 5. The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 PM. The next meeting will be at 5:30 PM Tuesday, September 15, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Lamos