## MEMORANDUM

- To: Natick Select Board
- From: Claire Rundelli, Open Space Planner
- Josh Ostroff, Cochituate Rail Trail Advisory Committee

Date: May 9, 2022

- Re: Studios Without Walls Exhibit on Cochituate Rail Trail
- Cc: Jamie Errickson; CRT Advisory Committee; Athena Pandolf; Gary Pease

Select Board approval is requested for an arts exhibit along the Cochituate Rail Trail between September 10 and the end of October 2022. Studios Without Walls, a Brookline-based arts collaborative, is proposing to install temporary works of art on a section of the CRT for public enjoyment. The Natick Center Cultural District and the Friends of Natick Trails would host this event.

Studios Without Walls will install many works from their upcoming summer 2022 exhibit in Riverway Park in Brookline (see attached flyer). The preferred location for installation is between the Amvets and Cochituate State Park, along roughly 1/2 mile of the CRT.

Specific locations for art installations will be approved by Town staff, who will also be consulted on an implementation plan. Studios Without Walls may request the use of a DPW bucket truck for installation and takedown

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An implementation plan will include public safety, parking, signage and any other details required to execute this event without risk to public safety and enjoyment of the trail by regular users.

We are working on ways to develop a permanent public art presence along the CRT, as well as a formal event policy; in the meantime, timely approval is requested so that the Friends can secure sponsors.

A suggested motion is "move to approve the Studios Without Walls visual arts installation on the Cochituate Rail Trail during between September 10 and the end of October 2022, subject to an approved implementation plan under the direction of the Town Administrator or his designee."

Thank you for your consideration.

