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March 2, 2023

Select Board, Town of Natick  
Paul Joseph, Chair  
13 East Central Street  
Natick MA 01760

### **2023 Studios Without Walls Exhibit on Cochituate Rail Trail**

Dear Chair Joseph and Board Members:

In cooperation with the Natick Center Cultural District and Studios Without Walls, Select Board approval is requested for an arts exhibit along the Cochituate Rail Trail during September and October 2023. 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 up to 16 works from their upcoming exhibit in Riverway Park, Brookline titled "The sum of its pARTS," running from May 27 until September 4, 2023. Artists and works selected for the Brookline exhibit are noted below.

In Natick, the installation will be sited between the Amvets and Cochituate State Park, along a roughly ½ mile stretch of the CRT. Specific locations for art installations will be approved by Town staff, who will also be consulted in planning this exhibit. Studios Without Walls may request the use of a DPW bucket truck for installation and takedown, and we have initiated discussions with Bill Spratt, Interim DPW Director.

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.

A suggested motion is “move to approve the Studios Without Walls visual arts installation on the Cochituate Rail Trail during September and October 2023, in collaboration with the Friends of Natick Trails and the Natick Center Cultural District, subject to an approved implementation plan under the direction of the Town Administrator or his designee.”

For the Board’s information, we previously received permission for a 2022 exhibit, but elected to defer until this year.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Christopher Temper*

Christopher Temper (Mar 2, 2023 2:30 EST)

Christopher Temper, President

Cc: Bette Ann Libby, Studios Without Walls  
Athena Pandolf, Natick Center Cultural District  
Claire Rundelli, Community and Economic Development

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### **Studios Without Walls 2023 Exhibit: “the sum of its pARTS”**

#### Artists/Titles

1. Anne Alexander - “Blue Gastropods”
2. Max Bard - “This Work Was Made By You Me”
3. Gail Bos & Marnie Sinclair - “A PIECE OF THE IMMENSE UNIVERSE – THE BLUE DOT”
4. Barbara Fletcher - “ Synergy”
5. Kristina Goransson - “Honoring the Children”
6. Liz Helfer with Steve Coles (United Kingdom) and Lu Xu (China) - “Eisenwunderwelt: Objective Permanence”
7. Linda Hoffman - “Carry t-HeART”
8. Janet Kawada - “Dropping the bALL”
9. Bette Ann Libby - “Hello Earth”
10. Madeleine Lord - “Sheep”
11. Silvina Mizrahi - “Under the same Sun”
12. Stacey Piwinski & Rebecca McGee Tuck - “Disco BeboP”
13. Stacy Latt Savage - “Flux”
14. Melissa Shaak - “Just Like a Tree”
15. Allen Spivack - “Enigma Variation in Four Parts”
16. Margot Stage - “Bobbin Bridges”