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Public Art Review Committee Members and Biographies

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# PARC | Meet the Committee Members (1 of 3)

## Background Information



**M. Christine Dwyer**  
Chair

- Senior Vice President, RMC Research
- Evaluation and policy consultation in education and arts
- Mount Holyoke College (BA) and University of New Hampshire (M.Ed.)
- 39-year Portsmouth resident
- Board of Directors (current)– UNH Foundation, Currier Museum of Art, Friends Forever International; former includes The Music Hall, New England Foundation for the Arts
- Portsmouth City Councilor, 14 years
- Enjoys drawing, painting, reading, and cooking



**Ellen Fineberg**

- Currently serve on Portsmouth Historical Society Board; Portsmouth Athenaeum Exhibits Committee; formerly served on Portsmouth's Historic District Commission; Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee on Arts & Culture and Art Speak! Portsmouth's Cultural Commission
- 40+ year Portsmouth resident
- Professional history of leadership and consulting for museums, historical organizations and foundations in NH, MA, and ME
- Kenyon College (BA), George Washington University (MA), Antioch New England (MA)



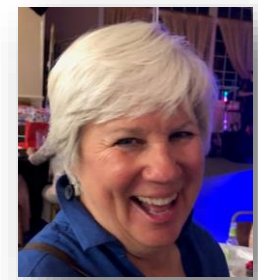
**Ernie Greenslade**

- Retired director of public relations, Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill and Lawrence, MA
- Chaired Portsmouth NH 400 Legacy Committee, which launched a sculpture garden in the city's Bohenko Gateway Park
- Chaired Portsmouth Public Library Board of Trustees and served on the board of Prescott Park Arts Festival
- 40-year Portsmouth resident
- Marietta College (BA) and Southern NH University (MS)
- Enjoys biking and hiking, yoga, travel, gardening, and music



**Beth Hartnett**

- Financial services professional, currently with Bank of America, Program Manager and Strategic Communications – Global Payments Solutions
- Graphic Design project oversight
- Clark University (BA) and University of Connecticut (MBA)
- 26-year Portsmouth resident
- Board of Director – Portsmouth Community Garden (current), Pontine Theater (former)
- Enjoys cycling, reading, gardening, winter sports, and family fun



**Jen Meister**

- Former Store Design and Visual Merchandising and Marketing professional
- MBA from UNH, former adjunct professor UNH
- 24-year Portsmouth resident
- Volunteers with Shoals Marine Lab and Celia's Garden, Little Harbor Chapel, and 68 Hours of Hunger
- Enjoys trekking, traveling, gardening, snowshoeing, and kayaking

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## Background Information



**Robin Lurie-Meyerkopf**

- Facilities and Walking Tour Manager – Portsmouth
- South Street and Vine owner
- Portsmouth resident since 2008
- Past work experience includes educational consulting, nonprofit associate director, environmental science educator, and third grade teacher
- BA – UMass Amherst and MA – Antioch University
- Current and past board memberships - PARC, SAACC, Seacoast Rep, ArtSpeak, State Committee on Autism Legislation, Prescott Park Redevelopment Task Force, and Soul Models
- Hobbies include cooking, gardening, walking, traveling and spending time with family



**Lennie Mullaney**

- Local Artist in Portsmouth and member of multiple Art Associations in NH/ME
- MFA in Painting, UNH; MS in Art Education, CCSU; 6th year in MFT, SCSU; BA, Liberal Arts, UCONN
- Many solo and group art exhibits in New England and Italy
- Studio in the Button Factory, Portsmouth and co-chair of Open Studio at Button Factory
- Organized plein air meet-ups for NH Art Association
- Served on Portsmouth's School Board
- Volunteerism – Cross Roads House, Music Hall, Seacoast Rep, local elementary schools, and juvenile detention centers
- Avid gardener, nature lover, and reader



**Alyssa Murphy**

- Architect and Co-Founder of Placework, a local architecture practice focused on municipal, educational, and institutional clients
- Editor of Forum, the magazine of American Institute of Architects NH chapter
- M. Arch. University of Pennsylvania and B. A. Middlebury College
- 14-year Portsmouth resident
- Enjoys spending time with her teenage daughters, travel, reading, and yoga



**Nancy Pearson**  
Secretary

- Former Portsmouth City Council member who became involved with public art in Portsmouth in 2011
- Board president, then director, of Art-Speak, the City's cultural commission
- Helped draft official public art guidelines adopted by the City in 2014
- Oversaw the first Percent for Art project for the City at the Foundry Garage
- 13-year Portsmouth resident



**Mara Witzling**

- Professor Emerita, UNH, Department of Art and Art History and Women's Studies Program
- Cornell University (Ph.D, M.A.) Queens College, CUNY (B.A.)
- 45+ year Seacoast resident and 6-year Portsmouth resident
- Published author and art critic
- Proprietor, Portsmouth Athenaeum, Alnoba art docent, NEHGS volunteer
- Stained glass artist and enthusiastic gardener in my urban jungle

## Background Information – City of Portsmouth Professionals



**Sean Clancy**  
City Staff Liaison

- Assistant City Manager for Economic and Community Development
- Staff Liaison to Public Art Review Committee



**Kate Cook**  
City Councilor

- Second term Portsmouth City Councilor and Arts Liaison for the Council, serving as Chair of the Governance Committee, and serving on the Arts & Cultural Commission, Legislative Subcommittee, Energy Advisory Committee, and as the Public Art Review Committee Liaison
- Worked as a Nonprofit/Educational Consultant, U.S. Diplomat, Adjunct Professor of Political Science, Executive Director of a Nonprofit, Teacher, and Grant Writer
- American University (B.A.), Duquesne University (M.S.Ed.), and University of Pittsburgh (M.P.I.A.)
- Enjoys live music, arts events, travel, reading, and gardening