



## CITY OF BANGOR

### **COMMISSION ON CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT**

Friday, June 5, 2026 – 8:30 am  
Paul Bunyan Room, First Floor of City Hall, 73 Harlow Street  
(note new location in City Hall)

### **AGENDA**

1. Welcome
2. Meeting Minutes
3. Request from Bangor Beautiful for Mural Proposal Recommendation
4. Discussion of Meeting Date/Times
5. Report of Chair
6. Financial Report
7. Committee Reports
  - Grant Committee
  - Cultural Asset Committee
  - ARTober Committee
8. Staff Updates
9. Adjourn

*Next meeting: to be determined*



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## Minutes

Commission on Cultural Development

January 2, 2026

Council Chambers, City Hall

8:30 AM

***Members present: Nina Earley, Chair, Kelly Chenot, Sara Elizabeth Green-Hamann, Rosemary Lausier***

***Staff present: Anne Krieg, Director of Community & Economic Development***

***Please note that, due to technical difficulties, the meeting record video has no sound.***

The Chair opened the meeting at 8:32 AM

The Commission approved the minutes from December 10, 2025.

The financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

The Commission initiated a discussion on reviewing grant awards for projects with maintenance or operational needs. The Commission generally felt this was in keeping with the needs of a performance; however, the discussion was tabled for discussion when more members could be there.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 AM.

## Farmers' Market Mural

May 27, 2026

### About the Project

Bangor Beautiful in collaboration with the Bangor Farmers' Market, is transforming a donated 20 foot shipping container into a vibrant community mural. The container provides essential on site storage for shared market equipment, helping the market operate more efficiently and serve more vendors and visitors.

While highly functional, the container presents a visual challenge in an otherwise welcoming public space. This project will convert it into a colorful, market themed mural that reflects the energy of the market and celebrates local food, farmers, and community.

As Everett Ottinger of the Bangor Farmers' Market shared, "The container has been a huge benefit for the market, and this project is a chance to turn something purely functional into something that adds beauty, draws people in, and reflects what the market is all about."



The mural will help beautify the space, create a recognizable landmark, and highlight the market as a central place in Abbot Square for local food and community connection.

### About the Process

The mural is being created through a collaborative, community driven process led by Bangor Beautiful. Early in the outdoor market season, volunteers, vendors, and visitors were invited to help prime the container and contribute drawings and collage elements inspired by fruits, vegetables, and foods found at the market.

These contributions have been used to develop a final mural design by artists from Bangor Beautiful. Once completed, the design has been outlined on the container, and the community was once again invited to participate by painting in the design during the farmers' market.

Bangor Beautiful has guided the artistic process and provided materials, while donating our time to coordinate and execute the project. The result will be a mural that is not only visually engaging, but also created by the people who make the market what it is.



Kids drawing their ideas for the mural



Mural design developed by Bangor Beautiful



Volunteers projecting and outlining design



Kids helping to paint the mural

## **Fruit Street School Mural**

May 27, 2026

### **About the project**

Bangor Beautiful is continuing its collaboration with the Bangor School Department to create the third mural in its School Murals program at Fruit Street School in 2026.

This program brings together art, nature, and community to create lasting, meaningful experiences for students. Working with local artist Peter Walls, along with teachers and school communities, these murals transform school spaces into vibrant works of art that reflect the natural world and our shared place within it.

Each project invites students to contribute ideas and imagery while learning about the interconnectedness of people, plants, animals, and ecosystems. Themes of native habitats and pollinators are woven into the design, helping students see themselves as part of the environment rather than separate from it.

Building on successful projects at Abraham Lincoln School in 2024 and Downeast School in 2025, the Fruit Street mural will continue this series while fostering a sense of pride, belonging, and stewardship that extends beyond the classroom.

As Principal Sarah Vickers of Downeast School shared, “This partnership not only beautifies our school but also deepens our understanding of the vital role pollinators play in our ecosystem. This experience will inspire our students for years to come.”

### **The Process**

The mural is created through a structured, student centered process that spans 2 school years. In the spring, students are introduced to the project and learn about pollinators and local ecosystems through classroom lessons developed in collaboration with educators. They then create drawings and ideas inspired by what they have learned.

Artist Peter Walls assembles these contributions into a unified mural design, which is outlined on the school walls over the summer. When students return in the fall, they take part in painting the mural, bringing the design to life through a shared, hands on experience.

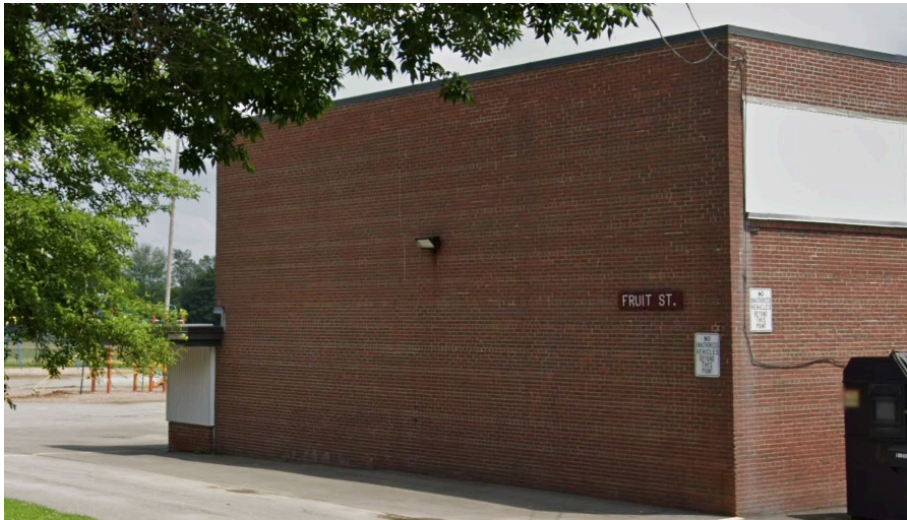
The project concludes with support from Bangor High School students, who work alongside younger students to complete the mural. Bangor Beautiful coordinates the effort and provides artistic guidance, resulting in a finished piece that reflects both the creativity of the students and the strength of the broader school community.



Abe Lincoln Mural, 2024



Downeast School Mural, 2025



Location of Fruit Street Mural, visible from Fruit Street & Mt Hope

ACCOUNTING PERIODS: 1/26 THRU 11/26

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\* THERE IS A NOTE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS TRANSACTION

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