



## Town of Strafford Arts & Events Council – A Master Plan Subcommittee

**MEETING:** Town Planning Committee: Progress Reports by Master Plan Implementation Sub Committees

**MEETING DATE:** February 20, 2024 6:30pm

**MEETING PLACE:** Town Hall

**COMMITTEE:** ARTS & EVENTS COUNCIL- A SUBCOMITTEE of the TOWN OF STRAFFORD PLANNING BOARD

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### UPDATE #1

- A. Posted the Committee and its intent on Town Facebook and gathered those noted above to Council members and volunteers. Two very productive meetings have been held so far and meetings are posted on Facebook as open to the public and held at the Hill Library. Future meetings are to be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 3:00pm.
- B. Master Plan review for Arts Council Mission: Council focus as stated within the Master Plan is somewhat scattered (See minutes from meeting 2/15/24) but based on what's documented, the Council developed the following Mission Statement: **“Enrich community connections by expanding local arts and culture through community events, activities and programs for residents of all ages.”**
- C. Council has gathered intel to coordinate with other entities in town that offer/coordinate events (I.e. Library, BLCOA, BLCC/Grange, Lakeside Players, Churches, School, Christmas in Strafford, Fire Dept., Women's Club, Garden Club, Historical Society/Waldron Store, Independence Inn for Farmers Market) and developed a full year calendar of events (see minutes from meeting 2/15/24).
- D. The Council has gathered about 30 ideas for possible Arts & Culture events (see minutes from meeting 2/15/24), but will tread lightly the first year by perhaps focusing on 1-3 (TBD at upcoming meeting(s)). We are also contacting other towns to see how they approach these activities.
- E. Planning Committee Questions:
  1. Any town-based funding?
  2. Do we need to be concerned with Events insurance?
  3. Insight on how to promote this Council and gain support: via a Facebook page, town website or other means?
  4. Where to post meeting dates and materials (agendas and minutes)?