



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

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

**MEETING DATE:** March 21, 2024, 3:00-4:00pm (Meeting Three)

**MEETING PLACE:** Hill Library

### **COMMITTEE:**

**Chair:** Susan Ryan (603-321-0163 = cell phone or text) (SuzRyan1@Gmail.com)

**Committee Members:** Kaitlin Whitcher LaBreck ([Kaitlin@ProfoundRealEstate.com](mailto:Kaitlin@ProfoundRealEstate.com)), Daniel Dupee ([Bowlakerentals@yahoo.com](mailto:Bowlakerentals@yahoo.com)), Risa Winter Ceskavich ([Rceskavich@Gmail.com](mailto:Rceskavich@Gmail.com)), Pamela Boyer ([Boyerpamela633@gmail.com](mailto:Boyerpamela633@gmail.com))

**Event Volunteers:** Cristyn Black ([CristynBlack@gmail.com](mailto:CristynBlack@gmail.com)), Kelly Kilgallon ([Kelly@Taphousemedia.com](mailto:Kelly@Taphousemedia.com))

### **AGENDA**

**3:00** Call Meeting to order

**3:05** Vote to approve meeting minutes from 2/15/24 meeting. New Council Member information.

**3:10** Committee member report out on any contact **updates** based on assignments distributed in the 1/25 and 2/15 meetings:

Risa contacts: Garden Club, Historical Society, Schools in town as well as Coe Brown.

Kaitlin contacts: Fire/Police Department, BLCOA, BLCC/Grange (to include Christmas in Strafford organizers, Fate of/State of Lakeside Players), **Jessica Almanzon for School Update, BNI for what other towns to reach out to**

Susan contacts: Library, **Women's Club (Lucinda Kerivan)**, Churches, Bow Lake Inn (related only to Farmer Market), **Sue Higgins tour of equipment at Grange, Linda Hartman Garden Club**

Daniel contacts: **Lebanon Arts Council**

**3:20** Planning Board Meeting 2/20/24 Update: Outcome of Meeting for Sub Committee Chairs to provide updates and make inquiries.

- 1) Our Planning Board update submission, including Council Mission (See attached)
- 2) Questioned Town Funding paths
- 3) Town Website updates for this Councils work (Terry Marsh Town Clerk)
- 4) Community Calendar Submission for April edition (See text below)
- 5) Brainstorm Event Insurance based questions (to submit to Selectman Lynn Sweet or Ellen White at Town Hall)

**3:30** Initiate Events and Ideas Review for 2024! *The Fun stuff*: devise interesting and fun events or activities that would complement what's already going on. (Compare to Town event calendar and don't spread ourselves too thin.) (See lists attached)

**3:55** New Business

**4:00** Adjourn

<b>EVENT and ACTIVITIES: IDEAS FOR CONSIDERATION</b>
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- a) Air National Guard Helicopter Display Day (Rochester did this) Touch a truck too?
- b) Bingo and Beers night
- c) Cardboard Boat Races
- d) Children based events
- e) Christmas Tree Decorating Contest (donate after to less fortunate?)
- f) Community Cookbook
- g) Concerts
- h) Cooking Classes- vary culture and types of courses
- i) Cultural Food Day
- j) Dating Game Show- Dinner Date nights
- k) Family Fun Days
- l) Family Treasure Hunts
- m) Farmers Market with music and art displays/sales
- n) Flea Market
- o) Holiday Lights Competition
- p) Ice Hockey Tournament
- q) Ice Sculpture Display/Competition
- r) Karaoke Idol Contest
- s) Local Arts, Crafts, Hobby & Music Show with Food trucks
- t) Meet your neighbor's dinner-Dinner for 4 (couples teamed up with other they don't know)
- u) Music on the Lake
- v) Pet Parade and Beauty Contest
- w) Pie Baking, Pizza or other food contests
- x) Road Clean-up day
- y) Senior based events
- z) Sports competition based events- i.e. three-legged races, most basketball shots, etc.
- aa) Skateboarding shows
- bb) Strafford Book of Town Records gathering- i.e. Tallest person, longest beard, oldest truck
- cc) Vendor Fair
- dd) Who's Got Talent Show



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**Calendar as of March 7, 2024**

<b>DATE 2024</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>OFFERED BY</b>
March 23	Easter Bunny	BLCC/Grange
May 27	Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony	Town, BLCC, SWC
June 1	Bow Lake Road Race	?Sponsor
June 29	Pancake Breakfast	Fire Dept
June 29	Steak Tip Drive Thru	Bow Lake Baptist Church
July 3	Food Truck Fest, Fireworks	Town and BLCC
July 4	Day at the Dam	BLCOA
July 13	Chicken BBQ	BLCOA
July TBD	Ice Cream Social, Summer Raffle	SWC @ Waldron Store
August 10	Lobster Cookout	BLCOA
August TBD	Bake Sale	SWC
August 31	COGO Golf Tournament	BLCOA at Nippo Lake CC
September 1	Ducks over the Dam	BLCC/Grange
September 1	Loon Aid Benefit Concert on the Lake	Island Mike and Friends (Isla Saunders Benefit)
September 27	Firemen’s Golf Tournament	Fire Dept
Fall TBD	Ice Cream Social	SWC
October 12	Chili Chowder Cook off	BLCC/Grange
October 30	Haunted House Trick or Treat	BLCC/Grange
December 1	Tree Lighting with Santa	BLCC/Grange
December 7-8	Christmas in Strafford, BakeSale	BLCC/Grange, SWC
January-December	Private Events and public fundraisers	BLCC/Grange

**April Community Calendar Submission:** We are pleased to announce the formation of the new Strafford Arts & Events Council, a sub-committee of the Planning Committee acting as a Master Plan Implementation committee. The Mission of the Council is to “Enrich community connections by expanding local arts and culture through community events, activities and programs for residents of all ages.” We’ve just begun meeting after posting requests for members on the Town of Strafford NH Community page on Facebook. If you are interested in joining the Council please send an email to the chair at [SuzRyan1@yahoo.com](mailto:SuzRyan1@yahoo.com). The Arts & Events Council is scheduled to meet the 3rd Thursday of each month from 3-4:00 at the Hill Library and these meetings are open to the public. If you run a group in town that offers public events and have not yet been contacted by a Council member, please feel free to send an email to us so we can take your events into consideration in our future planning.