



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

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

MEETING DATE: April 18, 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 Daniel Dupee (Bowlakerentals@yahoo.com), Kaitlin Whitcher LaBreck (Kaitlin@ProfoundRealEstate.com), Risa Winter Ceskavich (Rceskavich@Gmail.com),

Kelly Kilgallon (Kelly@Taphousemedia.com), Pamela Boyer (Boyerpamela633@gmail.com)

Event or Ideas Volunteers not in attendance but copied for agenda and minutes: Cristyn Black (CristynBlack@gmail.com), Cindy Lavigne (thevine57@yahoo.com)

Copy to Town Clerk: Terri Marsh (townclerk@strafford.nh.gov)

AGENDA

3:00 Call Meeting to order

3:05 Vote to approve meeting minutes from 2/15 and 3/21 meeting. New Council Member introductions.

3:10 Committee member report out on any contact **updates** based on assignments distributed in the 1/25, 2/15 and 3/21 meetings:

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

Kaitlin contacts: BNI for what other towns to reach out to?

Susan contacts: Bob Bennett Garden Club update? Community Center/Grange would like to collaborate on an event (i.e. Spaghetti dinner etc.)? Submitted Community Calendar article, as emailed to Council prior to this meeting, for May edition to lure out artists etc. and also posted on town FB page.

Updated Events Calendar with School events from March meeting and April Community Calendar articles with events listed.

Events Insurance info per Ellen White at Town Hall: Susan emailed Ellen asking about how it works for events this Council would hold either on public or private land and how we would go about requesting the use of public lands like the Dam and surrounding areas.

Daniel contacts: Obtaining Lebanon Arts Council policy for displaying local artwork in public places as this could be something we copy and explore using? Update on locating someone who might help teach a session to local artists on how to use social media to sell their works?

3:20 Events and Ideas Review for 2024! *The Fun stuff*: devise interesting and fun events or activities that would complement what's already going on. Susan added possible seasons as requested (Compare to Town event calendar and don't spread ourselves too thin.) See lists attached as well as a copy of the all the current other committees developed to implement Master Plan for this Councils FYI.

3:55 New Business

4:00 Adjourn

FOR REFERENCE: EVENT and ACTIVITIES IDEAS FOR CONSIDERATION

	<u>Arts & Events Ideas</u>	<u>Season</u>
1	Air National Guard Helicopter Display Day (Rochester did this) Touch a truck too?	Spring/Summer/Fall
2	Bingo and Beers night	Year round
3	Cardboard Boat Races	Summer
4	Children based events	Year round
5	Christmas Tree Decorating Contest (donate after to less fortunate?)	Winter
6	Coffeehouse for music, poetry/spoken word, storytelling etc. (possibly themed)	Year round
7	Community Cookbook	Year round
8	Concerts	Summer/Fall
9	Public Murals display, Arts&Events Council logo contest, Public Arts displays in	Year round
10	Cooking Classes- vary culture and types of courses	Fall/Winter/Spring
11	Cultural Food Day	Fall/Winter/Spring
12	Dating Game Show- Dinner Date nights	Fall/Winter/Spring
13	Family Fun Days	Spring/Summer/Fall
14	Family Treasure Hunts	Spring/Summer/Fall
15	Farmers Market with music and art displays/sales	Summer/Fall
16	Flea Market	Summer/Fall
17	Holiday Lights Competition	Winter
18	Ice Hockey Tournament	Winter
19	Ice Sculpture Display/Competition	Winter
20	Karaoke Idol Contest	Fall/Winter/Spring
21	Local Arts, Crafts, Hobby & Music Show with Food trucks	Spring/Summer/Fall
22	Meet your Neighbor's dinner-Dinner for 4 (couples teamed w/ those don't know)	Fall/Winter/Spring
23	Music on the Lake	Summer
24	Pet Parade and Beauty Contest	Summer
25	Pie Baking, Pizza or other food contests	Year round
26	Road Clean-up day	Summer
27	Senior based events	Year round
28	Social Media training for Artist sales	Year round
29	Sports competition based events-three-legged races, most basketball shots, etc.	Summer
30	Skateboarding shows	Summer
31	Strafford Book of Town Records gathering- i.e. Tallest person, longest beard, oldest truck	Spring/Summer/Fall
32	Vendor Fair	Year round
33	Who's Got Talent Show	Year round



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Strafford Town Wide Events Calendar as of April meeting

DATE 2024	EVENT	OFFERED BY
March 23	Easter Bunny	BLCC/Grange
March	Drama Performance	School
April	Spring Music Concert	School
April	Arts Week (type of art showcased is changed up each year. One year we had artist in residence that she recycled art, last year was performance art so different groups in all week. This year is a sculpture theme)	School
April 20	Coffee House at Foss Hall of the Christian Education Building. Music, Poetry etc	Third Baptist Church
May	Father Daughter Dance	Strafford Rec
May 25	Annual Plant Sale	Garden Club
May 27	Memorial Day Parade, Food and Ceremony	Town, BLCC, SWC
May/June	K-5 Family Dance	School PTO
June 1	Bow Lake Road Race	?Sponsor
June	Graduation (June for 8th grade and Little Spartans Preschool)	School
June	Field Day	School
June 9	Childrens Day with Family Concert	Third Baptist Church
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
July 27	Blueberry Festival at Waldron Store with live Music	Town Democrats
August 10	Lobster Cookout	BLCOA
August TBD	Bake Sale	SWC
August	Popsicles on the Playground for incoming kindergarteners	School PTO
August 31	COGO Golf Tournament	BLCOA at Nippo Lake CC
September 1	Ducks over the Dam, Food and Family games	BLCC/Grange
September 1	Loon Aid Benefit Concert on the Lake	Island Mike and Friends (Isla Saunders Benefit)

September	Open House	School
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
October	Trunk or Treat	School PTO
November	Veteran's Day Assembly	School
December 1	Tree Lighting with Santa	BLCC/Grange
December 7-8	Christmas in Strafford, BakeSale	BLCC/Grange, SWC
December	Holiday Craft Fair	School
December	Holiday Shop for Kids	School PTO
January- December	Private Events and public fundraisers	BLCC/Grange

Not in Calendar:

- Middle School Dances (Various months)
- Other various School assemblies (change annually, such as bullying, science themed, TIGER show, etc)
- Fire Safety Presentation at School (October)
- School sporting events- various games, clinics
- Strafford Rec Sport Clinics
- Strafford Rec Adult Sports
- Strafford Rec Mother/Son Fun Night (date varies)
- Strafford Rec Cupcake Challenge (no date provided)
- Town Democrats and Republicans events through the year
- Line Dancing Classes at Grange Fall/Spring/Summer and Church in winter
- Member of the Year and a Strafford Citizen of the Year awarded by Garden Club in March
- Library event calendar is very robust and varied and is not incorporated here. Offerings range from poetry round tables, mahjong, game nights, senior safety classes, knitting/spinners/fiber arts groups, cookbook club, historical events, chair yoga, music and movement class, support meetings, to children's programs galore.



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Copied from April 2024 Strafford Community Calendar for this Councils information:

PLANNING BOARD UPDATE Our Master Plan guides the character, growth, and development of our Town. It serves as a policy guide that helps the Planning Board, Board of Selectmen, and Town officials make decisions about how best to meet the needs and desires of the community. Master Plan changes are most often driven by subcommittees led by interested parties and citizen leaders. There are presently 10 Master Plan subcommittees in effect. These committees and their chair's contact information are as follows:

- 1) Natural Resources & Land Use—Mission Statement: Advance the community's desire to protect Strafford's rural landscapes, open space blocks, and natural resources, while planning to accommodate the town's future growth. Contact: Philip Lovejoy, Chair, email: philip.lovejoy@gmail.com
- 2) Arts & Events Council—Mission Statement: Enrich community connections by expanding local arts and culture through community events, activities and programs for residents of all ages. Contact: Susan Ryan, Chair, email: suzryan1@gmail.com
- 3) Building Design Standards—Mission Statement: Design standards for new construction, especially multi family and community buildings. Contact: Meg Herndon, Chair, email: meg@herndon.com
- 4) Community Center/Recreational Facilities—Mission Statement: Advance the community's desire to improve community cohesion through a community center. Funding, location, programs, and/or design. Contact: Claire Murdough, Chair, email: straftordrecreationsports@gmail.com
- 5) Historic Assets—Mission Statement: Preserve and enhance the town's historic character. Digitize and map historical assets inventory (barns, cellar holes, graveyards, houses, stonewalls, lanes, etc.) Contact: Chairperson needed.
- 6) Library—Mission Statement—Town Library enhancement: Infrastructure improvements and multi generational planning. Long-range planning. Contact: Larisa Molloy, Chair, email: librarysupport@hilllibrary.org
- 7) Bow Lake Subcommittee—Mission Statement: Advance the community's desire to protect and enhance Bow Lake as a significant community resource and to improve accessibility to more of the town's citizens. Contact: Sue Higgins, Chair, email: suemac2867@aol.com
- 8) Green Committee—Mission Statement: Advance the community's desire to move to clean, sustainable, and less costly energy sources and solid waste management practices and develop electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Contact: Hammond Brown, Chair, email: hammondbrown12@gmail.com
- 9) Community Mobility—Mission Statement: Enhance connectivity and mobility options around and between different areas of town and beyond. Focus Areas Include Sidewalks and bikeways, Recreational trails/connectivity, Transit (future planning) Contact: Chairperson needed.
- 10) Town Facilities Resilience—Mission Statement: Advance the community's desire to improve the safety and resilience of the town's facilities (includes roads, school, flood control/stormwater management). Contact: Scott Whitehouse, Chair, email: nitehitch@gmail.com

Watch the town web site for subcommittee meeting dates and locations. The Planning Board welcomes your assistance in keeping our community in line with the goals of the Master Plan.