



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

Mission: *Enrich community connections by expanding local arts and culture through community events, activities, and programs for residents of all ages.*

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

MEETING DATE: September 19, 2024, 3:00-4:00pm

MEETING PLACE: Hill Library

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

Committee Members Present Cindy Lavigne (thevine57@yahoo.com), Pamela Boyer (Boyerpamela633@gmail.com), Daniel Dupee (Bowlakerentals@yahoo.com),

Excused Kaitlin Whitcher LaBreck (Kaitlin@ProfoundRealEstate.com),

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

Minutes

- Called Meeting to Order at 3:00. Approved minutes from 8/15 -moved by Cindy and seconded by Dan. Brief Reminder of roles of voting council members versus meeting visitors.
- Deferred Logo Update for Arts Council due to Kaitlin's absence.
- Briefly discussed Pam attending upcoming Town Planning meeting on 10/8, in Susans place, to obtain updates on how to bank and distribute any funds raised by this Council along with how to partner with town on insurance for any events we hold. Susan will draft the update to be submitted and distribute to this Council along with key Town Planning officials.
- Continued discussion on Planning for BowLakeAPoluzza 2025.
 - Date for event will be Saturday July 26, 2025 and
 - will be held in the cove on Daniels property as well as Hotdogs peninsula.
 - The event will start at 1:00 with an hour for each act and end by 6:00pm. So far we know The Cove, Miner&Ryan and likely Second Wind will sign up again. We will not use duos since their sound doesn't travel well enough. Cindy will approach Mark Clark about his band joining the event. We need more acts but will work on that in the coming months.
 - We would like to pay the acts some amount and plan a rain date but will see how things go to firm that up.
 - We may consider offering ice cream bars and drinks for a donation, as well as getting some swag to sell (tee shirts, hats, beach bags, coozies, other) and taking donations for the bands to "pay" them in tips collected.
- Discussed other mission centric Arts events we may want to consider adding to our future agenda for discussion and adoption such as Olde Home Weekend, Raising money for a performance half shell stage and winter carnival. At the October meeting we will find a date to meet at Whitcher Fields to scout the location and generate more ideas.
- Susan will try to locate some grant opportunities to fund our initiatives.
- 4:00 Pam moved to Meeting Adjourn
- Next Meeting is 3:00 on Thursday October 17.