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COUNCIL

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: October 17, 2024, 3:00-4:00pm

MEETING PLACE: Hill Library

COMMITTEE: Susan Ryan (SuzRyan1@Gmail.com)

Committee Members Present: Susan Ryan (SuzRyan1@Gmail.com), Cindy Lavigne (thevine57@yahoo.com), Pamela Boyer (Boyerpamela633@gmail.com), Daniel Dupee (Bowlakerentals@yahoo.com), 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 9/19 with Cindy moving to approve, seconded by Daniel.

Reviewed final logo options presented by Kaitlin and unanimously approved the simple but illustrative design noted in this letterhead. This brand will be used in this form only, i.e. no deviation of colors or fonts or additives, unless otherwise pre-approved by this Council. Susan will alert the Town Planning Council of our approved design.

Susan provided an update from the Town Planning Master Plan sub committee meeting held 10/8. (Next meeting is planned for February 18, 2025). This Arts & Events Council is deemed a "Volunteer Group" and therefore not covered under the town for insurance or fiscal oversight. The Town Planning Committee suggested we either form a 501C3 or come under the umbrella of another already established 501C3 in town, such as the Historical Society or Garden Club, for collaboration with them as our fiscal agent. From that discussion we agreed to pursue a few items for research, including:

- a. Daniel- review tasks and responsibilities in establishing and maintaining a 501C3
- b. Pam- obtain Garden Club insights on establishing and operating as a 501C3
- c. Susan- obtain NH Center for Nonprofit insight on Fiscal Agent workflows, fees etc.
- d. Susan- follow up with Town of Barrington gazebo events and how they operate
- e. Susan- reach out to Historical Society contact regarding their 501C3 fiscal agent opportunity

Susan shared recent developments in a legal case regarding liability that resulted in obtaining the following information: In the recent Macks Apples lawsuit a motion to dismiss was upheld as filed under RSA 508:14,I (NH Statute), that provides "An owner, occupant, or lessee of land, including the state or any political subdivision, who without charge permits any person to use land for recreational purposes or as a spectator of recreational activity, shall not be liable for personal injury or property damage in the absence of intentionally caused injury of damage". In follow up to that, Kaitlin will pursue some legal insights in insurance liability for events we might hold on private land (refer to RSA 508:14,I (NH Statute)).

Other mission centric Arts events/work considered for brainstorming included discussion about Olde Home Days- Do we want to undertake this in collaboration (hopefully) with other town groups? Has this been done before in town? How and who to Collaborate with like the Historic Society, Christmas in Strafford (for artist coordination), Garden Club, Women's Club, Farmers Group, Library, Fire/Police, Schools, Musicians and Local Artists, who else? Cindy offered to obtain and we'll review itinerary associated with other Olde Home Days events produced in other towns for our next meeting. This event would be a lot of work and planning.

We will meet on Monday 10/28 meeting at Whitcher Fields (GPS= 19 Weber Road, Strafford) to scout location and generate ideas. Wondered could Leighton Fields also be a place for events?

All are invited to the Library Charette Saturday 10/19 at 8:45am at Strafford School Cafeteria. Susan is going. Could an outcome be associated with our prior ideas about our Long Term Raising funds for a performance stage as part of "downtown" development?

Meeting Adjourned 4:00. Next Meeting is 3:00 on Thursday November 21.