

# S T R A F F O R D

## Arts Events 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:** Town Planning Committee: Progress Reports by Master Plan Implementation Sub Committees

**MEETING DATE:** February 18, 2025 6:30pm

**MEETING PLACE:** Town Hall

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

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### UPDATE #4

- A. **Meetings** are still held monthly since 2/1/24 at the Hill Library on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 3:00pm unless otherwise updated. Full attendance by all Council members has allowed us to be very productive.
- B. The Council has established that on Saturday July 26 we will hold the second annual “**BowLawAPalooza**” as a day of free music on the lake accessible by water craft and the town beach for some of the program. We have secured three of the four acts who will play and await word from the fourth. The event will begin at 12:30, each act playing for 1 hour, and will be hosted at waterfront properties on the Strafford side of the Lake. The event was extremely successful in 2024.
- C. The Council finalized a **logo** at our meeting in November. (see this letterhead)
- D. As we need to raise funds to underwrite future activities or events, purchase business cards/posters etc. raffle items etc.. we explored developing a 501C3 but are not interested in moving ahead with that on our own. We are in talks with a subcommittee of the Barrington Chamber of Commerce about partnering with them as a **fiscal agent and for insurance** purposes.
- E. The Council is interested in organizing a **Strafford Olde Town Day** in the Fall of 2026. We have met with the owners of Kitz Farm about securing their property for the inaugural event and they are excited about the prospect of hosting. Much initial effort has gone into planning how the day might look and the Council hopes to soon reach out to others to explain the premise and gain interest in their participation.