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

MEETING DATE: March 20, 2025 3:00-4:00pm

MEETING PLACE: Hill Library

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

Cindy Lavigne (thevine57@yahoo.com), Pamela Boyer (Boyerpamela633@gmail.com), Kaitlin Whitcher LaBreck (Kaitlin@ProfoundRealEstate.com), Daniel Dupee (Bowlakerentals@yahoo.com) joins by phone)

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

Minutes

Called Meeting to Order 3:05 with Daniel calling in. Approved minutes from 2/20/25 by Cindy moving to and Daniel seconding. Council was advised that Pam Boyer must reluctantly step down from Council to support family needs but offered to remain a volunteer and we have two potential new members to contact: Susan will reach out to Kaisha Morse and Kaitlin will contact Betsy Schaffer.

Susan updated Council on the Barrington Chamber of Commerce and next steps with Derek Small. Since the initial phone call he is yet to follow back up on our prior contacts. Susan will try again. Council wondered if Christmas in Strafford may be interested in becoming our Fiscal Agent and if Kaisha is part of that group, perhaps she may be a good person to contact regarding this possibility. More to come.

BowLakeAPolooza is still planned for Saturday July 26, 2025 and Kaitlin will contact Cecil Abels Bluegrass, and Daniel will reach out to John McCuchin to participate as artists. Kaitlin reviewed her research on swag – koozies and beach balls- and the council decided on 150 Beach Balls (unless fewer can economically be bought) with no sponsorship this year so we can use them in the future. The Council agreed to pay for them. Daniel has a relative who will help sell drinks at the event to raise donations for artists.

Olde Home Day Planning for 2026 landed on a final date of August 22 with a rain date of August 23, 2026 largely due to good open dates for Kitz Farm. Cindy provided an excellent and detailed update with a potential itinerary at Kitz Farm along with placement of “vendors”. Her work was praised by the Council and will guide future planning. Ideas were discussed related those vendors who may require payment since we have no funding. We will begin extensive planning in our next meeting now that we have an event date.

No New Business and meeting adjourned at 4:10. Next Meeting is 3:00 on Thursday April 17 2025.