



*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:** April 17, 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](mailto:thevine57@yahoo.com)), Kaitlin Whitcher LaBreck ([Kaitlin@ProfoundRealEstate.com](mailto:Kaitlin@ProfoundRealEstate.com)),

Absent/Excused: Daniel Dupee ([Bowlakerentals@yahoo.com](mailto:Bowlakerentals@yahoo.com)))

*Copy to Town Clerk:* Terri Marsh ([townclerk@strafford.nh.gov](mailto:townclerk@strafford.nh.gov))

### MINUTES

1. Called the meeting to Order at 3:05. Approve minutes from 3/20/25 with a Motion by Kaitlin to accept, seconded by Cindy.
2. Susan updated that Derek Small emailed her on 3/23/25 about the The Greater Barrington Community Foundation and next steps with an upcoming meeting. No date set yet and she will continue to follow-up.
3. Potential New Member Kaisha Morse was contacted by Susan who described what the Council was working on. Kaisha said she'd come to this meeting but as she hasn't, Susan will follow-up to see if she is still interested. Kaitlin talked to Betsy Schaffer ([BetsyMac59@g.mail.com](mailto:BetsyMac59@g.mail.com)) who plans to join the May meeting as a new member of the Council. Minutes from this meeting and the agenda for the May meeting will be sent to Betsy.
4. Updates on BowLakeAPolooza (Saturday July 26, 2025) include:
  - a. Act Cecil Abels Bluegrass is not available but John McCuchin is. That means we'll have four acts for this year- The Cove, Miner & Ryan Musicians, John McCuchin and Second Wind.
  - b. Kaitlin received the beach ball order but it wasn't correct- the balls weren't the right color and were smaller than described. She is following up to obtain the right ones and Council will be members underwriting purchase price. (Kaitlin also had order flowers for outgoing member Pam Boyer and council members each provided \$17.50 toward that purchase. Thank you for doing that Kaitlin! )
  - c. The June meeting will focus on BowLakeAPolooza planning.
5. Olde Home Day Planning recommenced for August 22, 2026 (Rain date 8/23/26). Cindys updated detailed potential itinerary at Kitz Farm was used as a launch for brainstorming on the initial list of what's in and out for OHD and who we might contact about participation which could include:
  - a. Recreation Town Group, Agriculture Sub-committee of the Town Master Plan, Christmas in Strafford members (via Michelle Kincaid pres. At [FibersArtDesign@gmail.com](mailto:FibersArtDesign@gmail.com)), Library, Historical Society, Garden Club, Womens Club, School leaders, Police/Fire/EMT, Churches, SELT, Bear Paw, Scouting groups, Grange/BLCC, BLCO, Selectmen/Planning/Town Hall clerk, Doug Patterson for Military Display, Businesses in town (like 7C's, AMI, Whitcher Builders, Dogwood Builder, Clear Creek Builders, Berrybog Farm, Killer Treats, Isinglass stree, Stevens Farmhouse, Rod Messenger, Camp Foss, and many more including those who serve the town like MacCullums Boat. Discussed having costumed characters walking around for photo opportunities and hosting a Kids Flea Market (-12 yo)
6. We'll need to Determine who will reach out to who in follow-up to recruit "vendors" and others needed so we'll draft a letter (see attachment) to share with this committee so we can send it out and meet with those who'd be interested in participating and begin planning in earnest. Perhaps add an extended meeting in the upcoming months for time for OHD planning session?
7. No New Business. Next Meeting is 3:00 on Thursday May 15, 2025.