

Strafford Master Plan Subcommittees Meeting  
June 10, 2025, 6:30pm, Town Hall

## Meeting Notes

### Planning Board Attendees:

Susan Arnold, Planning Board Alternate  
Phile Auger, Planning Board Chair  
Charlie Marenco, Planning Board Vice Chair

### Masterplan Subcommittee Attendees:

Bob Bennett (Bow Lake)  
Hammond Brown (Green)  
Meg Herndon (Library)  
Sue Higgins (Bow Lake)  
Philip Lovejoy (Natural Resources)  
Larissa Molloy (Library)  
Claire Murdaugh (Community Center)  
Susan Ryan (Arts Council)  
Betsy Schaeffer (Arts Council)

## I. Welcome and introductions

Charlie Moreno welcomed the group and kicked off the meeting by asking for subcommittee reports.

## II. Activity updates from subcommittee representatives

1. **Bow Lake:** Sue Higgins reported that a \$25,000 PERPA Watershed Planning grant has been granted to the Town, and so we have a total of \$50k to proceed with the work. Sue showed a new sign about how to detect cyanobacteria that will be posted around the lake. She attended the NH Lakes conference and picked up informational materials created by the Lake Sunapee Association as a model for us to use. She noted there is a new septic ordinance in Northwood.

2. **Arts Council:** Susan Ryan confirmed that BowLakeAPalooza is happening on July 26th, and they are looking for donations to help pay the bands participating. The Council continues to work with the Barrington Chamber of Commerce about becoming a fiscal sponsor of the Council so that they can accept donations and grants more readily. The Council is also hard at work already on the August 22nd, 2026 “Strafford Olde Home Day” at Kitz Farm. They are seeking vendors, entertainment, historical characters, family-friendly activities, veterans, and more to participate. Costs for the event are uncertain, but the ballpark is \$6k.
3. **Library:** Larissa reported that they are working on a feasibility document concerning the library site and building design. The goal is to create a project roadmap. They are looking into the possibility of requesting Plan NH for a town-wide charette, and all Town officials would need to sign off on the request.
4. **Community Center:** Claire stated that the subcommittee is in a holding pattern as they await further developments on a potential land purchase.
5. **Green:** Hammond Brown announced the subcommittee has three new members! They are paused on further investigation of community power as the Coalition rates aren’t good. But they are looking into the feasibility of other community power options, including solar, which would require appropriate infrastructure. They are also talking about locations for EV charging stations.
6. **Natural Resources:** Philip shared that the subcommittee currently lacks a focus, and offered that the 2026 Olde Home Day could provide a needed spark. He and Susan Ryan will confer further on how the two subcommittees could work together. Philip also noted that there is a need to update maps of the town, and the group would like to help figure out how best to help the town with land use planning.

### III. Questions, information sharing, challenges/opportunities

None other than those previously mentioned in the subcommittee reports.

### IV. Other concerns/requests/next steps?

None.

### V. Wrap up/next meeting:

**OCTOBER 14 AT 6:30PM, TOWN HALL**