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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: July 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), Daniel Dupee (Bowlakerentals@yahoo.com), Betsy Schaefer (BetsyMac59@gmail.com)

Excused: Kaitlin Whitcher LaBreck (Kaitlin@ProfoundRealEstate.com),

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

Minutes

Called Meeting to Order at 3:00 and used agenda from last months meeting (6/26) which had to be canceled. Approved minutes from 5/15/25 with Cindy moving to accept and Daniel seconded.

Susan updated Council on the Greater Barrington Chamber of Commerce and next steps with Derek Small as we are still awaiting their capacity to act as our umbrella fiscal agent. More to come.

Majority of the meeting was about BowLakeAPaluzza is Saturday July 26, 2025 so we nailed down all specifics;

- with the exception of **Kaitlins** update on the Beach balls purchase (and Council underwriting purchase price) as she was absent from the meeting.
- At 9:00am Cindy, her husband Ron, Betsy, Susan and Dan will gather on Hotdogs beach to put up tents from Cindy and put in the heavy duty electric cabling Susan is borrowing- the same we used last year from Gary Waldron.
- Cindy will loan a 10x10 tent to Daniel as well but the Council wondered if **Kaitlin** might have another tent we could also use on Daniels property?
- Susan will update posters and email a PDF to the council to post, print and put up-
 - Betsy will take them to Isinglass Store, 7Cs', and Jefferson Restaurant.
 - Susan bring them to Town Hall and Post Office.
 - Daniel will post one at Hannafords and
 - Cindy will post in the Library.
 - Post them wherever else you can think of!
 - Susan already posted on FB and put an article in the July Community Calendar and will post again on FB on her own page, her Miner & Ryan Musicians page, Town of Strafford and Northwood, Bow Lake Yacht Club and Bow Lake Camp Owners FB pages. Everyone should post it on their FB pages and wherever else they think of online.

- Cindy will be on her boat in the Cove to coordinate sound check with Daniel at noon. Susan will coordinate with Lisa Barker for the Hotdogs Peninsula sound check later/2:30.
- We'll watch weather and text council members if it looks bad and then figure out if a rain date is possible.

Olde Home Day Planning was discussed for August 22, 2026 (Rain date 8/23/26).

- The council decided to hold the info planning session (date to be determined) at Kitz Farm.
- Full Council Updates on how their contact "reach out" efforts worked out since the last meeting (assignments in the meeting minutes for 5/15):
 - Betsy alerted the Girl Scouts in town (no Boys Scouts troop in Strafford), Berrybog Farm, Womans Club, Garden Club, Historical Society (via Joanne Brown), Camp Foss and Killa Treats.
 - Cindy also reached out to Historical Society, Live Animal exhibitor (who can't do it without \$350 an hour so we need alternative), Churches and Dee Hairdresser.
 - Susan connected with Christmas in Strafford organizer (who is sending an email to participants), Marianna Hairdresser, Hotdog, Bow Lake Yacht Club, Bow Lake CC/Grange. Susan will connect with towns agriculture group about animals (to replace petting zoo) and farm stand.
 - Daniel communicated with Isinglass Store and Police Chief- Susan also saw chief at a recent event and briefly talked about it. He'll also speak to Rick at Coveland Farm about animals/sheep.

No New Business.

Next Meeting is 3:00 on Thursday August 21, 2025.