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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 SUBCOMITTEE of the TOWN OF STRAFFORD PLANNING BOARD

MEETING DATE: Thursday June 25, 2026 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), **Betsy** Schaefer (BetsyMac59@gmail.com), Ken Berry (KenBerry267@gmail.com), Daniel Dupee (Bowlakerentals@yahoo.com)

Excused: Elaine Leker (Elaineleker55@gmail.com),

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

Minutes

- Meeting called to Order at 3:00. Approved minutes from 5/14/26 with Cindy moving to adopt them and Betsy seconded.
- Continue planning BowLakeAPaluzza for Saturday July 25, 2026 from 12:30-4:00 spending most of the time working to locate a 3rd or 4th band. Gratefully, we secured funding from Daniel and Cindy to pay an act \$200 and Susan reached out to her music agent for suggestions. We hired Psylos which is a very good instrumental rock trio to fill the 2 :00 spot. Island Mike and Friends will begin at 12:30 at Daniels property, playing until 1:45. The band Psylos will begin at 2:00 at Hotdogs peninsula and Miner & Ryan Musicians will follow them playing until 4:30. For Marketing Plans- Susan wrote for SCC and submitted for June and July articles, FB updates will continue with Susan, Betsy and Cindy posting on their neighborhood pages, Susan will update posters for use around town and on FB is desired. Tents on Daniels property are being supplied by him and Ken, Cindy and Betsy will meet at his house at 8:30 to set up and Cindy is supplying the tents for Hotdogs beach which we will set up directly following. Susan secured necessary extension cords and electricity for Hotdogs beach and will be on the peninsula at 8:30 to set up and await the tents arrival for set up. Sandwich boards will be placed at Kooauke, Beaver Estates, Tasker Hill and Ind Inn traffic island. This discussion took up most of meeting.
- Betsy briefly read her report to the Planning Committee which was a quarterly update on our activities, Council member changes and challenges.
- Elaine was not in attendance to report on her findings related to Fiscal agent, insurance options and next steps
- For events possible at the Independence Inn, Betsy suggested that because they are so busy perhaps we consider Winter events there, including a mens cooking class or even a series of simple cooking for men. Council agreed this sounded very interesting.
- For New Business Cindy noted there is an abundance of wonderful events and activities in our small town so maybe we need to focus on some Senior Activities since we have a large senior community. We agreed that Cindy, Ken and Betsy would informally survey their respective groups like Historical Society, Church and Womens Club to see if ideas might be generated such as boats rides for seniors who don't live on the lake and other events.
- Discussion regarding a *Winter or Fall Festival 2027* ideas and follow up was deferred to our next meeting
- **Next Scheduled Meeting** is 3:00 on Thursday July 23, 2026 - **PLEASE NOTE THIS A CHANGE TO OUR USUAL 3rd Thursday.**