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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: Tuesday October 13, 2026 3:30-4:30pm

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

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Agenda

3:30 Meeting call to Order and approve minutes from 9/25/26

- 3:35 Discuss the future of this Council. Ensure there is a need for this Council, especially due to:
- 1) our continued struggle to determine how to augment activities or find our niche without stepping on the good work and events others are supplying,
 - 2) being a non-funded group (not a 501c3),
 - 3) members being the funding source for expenses to date (not sustainable),
 - 4) not having liability insurance for events, yet proceeding nonetheless,
 - 5) membership size.

The Council agreed we will bring this to the Town Planning Committee, Master Plan Subcommittee check in, in October and attend as a full Council. We will finalize our plan and communication message about the future of this Council at this meeting.

4:15 Collaborate on Town Planning Committee Report and messaging for October 20 meeting (quarterly update on our activities, Council member changes and challenge).

4:25 Next Scheduled Meeting is 3:00 on Thursday November 19, 2026.

If meeting, Request date change due to schedule conflict for Council Chair