

## OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 29, 2013

The meeting of the Old Home Day (OHD) Committee was held in the Whitney Hall Conference Room on May 29, 2013. Those in attendance were: Nancy White, Lori Bliss-Hill, Marjorie Carr, Jen Thody, Becky Powell, Shirley Green, and Meredith Smith, Chair.

Nancy White, representing both the Lionesses and the Upper Valley Community Band, brought the committee up to date on the band concert, scheduled for Friday, July 26. The plan to use the Village School in the event of rain has been rejected due to logistics. It was suggested that the band might contact the Lions and ask to borrow their tent for Huse Park. Nancy stressed the importance of publicizing the Lioness sponsorship of this free concert. The Lionesses will also be selling pastries and cold drinks at the event.

Meredith Smith reported that the Methodist Church will hold a chili cook-off prior to the concert. People can enter their favorite chili in the competition and it will be sold to the public as a fund raiser for the church. The chili cook-off will begin at 5 PM, two hours before the concert start at 7 PM.

Meredith reported that she had spoken to Kati Jopek of the Recreation Department regarding a possible field day. She seemed enthusiastic about OHD and promised to discuss it at their meeting on Tuesday, May 21. Meredith still has not heard back from Jopek, despite emails requesting their decision. However, at the Heritage Commission meeting last week, Steve Schneider indicated that they would not be involved due to staffing issues. Also at the Heritage meeting, Mary Ann Haagen suggested that the proposed field day that we hoped the Recreation Department would sponsor might be held at the Enfield Shaker Museum on Saturday, July 27 as part of the regularly scheduled summer children's program.

Marjorie Carr and Shirley Green spoke of the plans for the library festivities, scheduled for Saturday, July 27 from 1 PM to 3 PM. There will be an ice cream social in the Library parking lot with activities for the children. It was suggested that the library borrow several pop up tents in case of rain since the Lion's tent could not be erected in the parking lot. The library event will kick off their public capital campaign for the new library.

Meredith Smith reported that the Greeley House at the corner of Main Street and Shaker Hill Road will host an open house on Saturday, July 27 at a time to be determined. This will allow the public to view the house, currently undergoing major renovations and perhaps raise interest in people signing up to volunteer labor. It is hoped the house will become a private rental home and new offices for EVA.

Becky Powell, representing EVA on the Committee, discussed several possible activities EVA might host on Saturday, July 27. A lemonade stand and bake sale, cupcake competition, Main Street scavenger hunt, and fantasy island were among those activities mentioned. Meredith asked that all plans be finalized by June 15 to allow for publicity and press releases to go out.

Shirley mentioned that the Conservation Commission would like to sponsor a hike and that they were open to suggestions as to date and place. Meredith suggested Sunday would be good since there were no activities planned for that day. She also suggested that Shaker Mountain would be a nice location since it reflected Enfield's Shaker roots. Shirley will bring these suggestions to the Commission at their next meeting.

Jen Thody reported the dance to be held at the Stone Mill, Enfield Shaker Museum, was forming a committee that would meet next week. Still to be decided is the music (DJ or band). Meredith commented that it would be nice if the dance could be free, like the 250<sup>th</sup> dance was. Jen also volunteered to create a Facebook page for Old Home Days.

Shirley Green has raised about \$250 towards the program and has many more people yet to contact. She said the response has been very positive. Shirley also brought a copy of the Canaan Old Home Day program which all agreed would be a good model to follow. Meredith asked Shirley if she could scan the program and email it to her. It simply consists of a standard 8 by 11 sheet, folded with a title and logo on the front cover. Inside are listed all the sponsor names and phone numbers. A separate sheet, listing all the events, times & places is inserted inside.

Meredith brought a draft poster to get the reaction of the Committee. All seemed to like it. No posters can be made until the events have been finalized, however.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair