

OLD HOME DAYS MINUTES APRIL 1, 2015

The April 1, 2015 meeting of the Old Home Days Committee was called to order at 5:30 PM. Those in attendance were: Kristin Harrington, Nancy Smith, Lori Bliss Hill, Lindsay Smith, Patty Williams, Shirley Green, Marjorie Carr, Deborah Sweetland, Stephanie Hill, and Meredith Smith, Chair. Meredith announced that she had asked Kristin Harrington to serve as co-chair with her and Kristin has accepted. A sign-up sheet was passed around, asking for volunteers to be appointed to the official town Old Home Days Committee. All of the above signed the sheet which will be given to the Selectboard to carry out the appointments.

Confirmed Events: Meredith reviewed the confirmed events to date. They are: Band Concert; Methodist Church Supper (Friday); Quilt Show, Ice Cream Social, Chicken Barbeque, Lockeaven Schoolhouse, Parade, Dance, Community Picnic (Saturday); Lutheran Church service; Car Show; Craft Show; Dog Park Grand Opening; Whaleback Pancake Breakfast & Hike; Conservation Hike, Dog Park grand opening, Lutheran Church service, Vintage Car Show, Craft Fair, and Sailing Club event (Sunday). It was the unanimous decision of the committee that the Outing Club yard sale not be included in the listing of events since it is not a participatory event and is similar to the same principle applied to Mascoma Man.

Dance: Meredith reported that she had asked Jim Taylor for DPW assistance in removing trash from the Center Town House. Jim had suggested hiring a dumpster and also, that he was unsure if the DPW could provide any assistance since it was vacation time in June and July. The committee adamantly opposed the idea of a dumpster. If necessary, Dan Harrington might assist in hauling away trash. Meredith will pursue the issue further with Steve Schneider. She also reviewed clean-up dates and signed up volunteers to assist. The first clean-up date is June 19 from 4 to 6 PM. It will mainly be organizing what needs to be done. Meredith, Shirley, Stephanie, Patty, and Kristin volunteered to help. The next two clean-ups will be June 26 (Kristin & Meredith) and July 10 (Meredith & Stephanie) from 11 to 3. It will include 3 volunteers from Hypertherm. Kristin volunteered to call the town's porta potty provider and get prices for one or two porta potties. Lori Bliss confirmed she will be providing food and soft drinks but no alcohol. A discussion ensued regarding the possibility of BYOB. Meredith will check with Steve about it. It was also suggested that EVA might be able to sell wine, since they are a non-profit.

Craft Fair: The sign-ups for demonstrating craftspeople is going well. There are about 14 craftspeople signed up to date. Set-up time will be from 9 AM on Sunday, July 26 with the craftspeople open for business at 11, going until 3 PM. In case of rain, the fair will be held inside the Museum.

Car Show: The Knights of Columbus will once again be selling food and drink at the car show. Meredith has not heard from Debbie LaCroix but is sure the car show is a "go". Meredith will offer to do a poster for the car show as she did last year.

Community Picnic: Meredith informed the committee that the use of the old motel site has been confirmed by the DOT (owner of the property) and the picnic will be held following the parade.

Parade: There was a lengthy discussion of the parade. Lindsay Smith, Parade Chair, will meet with Paula Rowe tomorrow to work on the permits for the route. It was decided, after much discussion, that the parade would form at Whitney Hall and proceed down Main Street to the new temporary road, ending at the picnic area. Several suggestions were made for float possibilities and marching groups such as the Girl Scouts. Lindsay made a list of the suggestions and will contact the possibilities. It was also decided that the parade participants need to be lined up by June 1 (with a small amount of "wiggle room"). There must be at least ten floats or participating groups to make the parade a "go".

Churches: The Lutheran Church is planning a special old fashioned service on Sunday, July 26. St. Helena's will also probably be doing some type of "historic" service. Meredith has contacted the Methodist Church and will contact someone from the Union Church.

Fund Raising: Shirley reported that she has around \$3000 in the Old Home Days account but will send Meredith an accurate up-to-date figure. She will begin canvassing for donations very soon. Deb Sweetland and Stephanie Hill volunteered to help her. She has updated the donation request letter.

Publicity: Meredith suggested that it would be a good idea to start with publicity very soon, perhaps starting with a “save the date” announcement on List Serve. Articles in local publications and perhaps an early poster could also be effective.

The meeting was adjourned at 7 PM.

Next meeting: May 6

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Co-chair

