

MINUTES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

August 5, 2013

Meeting called to order at 6:40 P.M.

Present Selectmen Elizabeth Gorski, Joseph D'Amore and Chairman Donald Greaney

Recreation Committee & Groveland Youth Soccer Rep Stephen Merrill

Chairman Pam Blaquiere, members Erin Merrill, Alese Hunt, and Pentucket Youth Soccer representative Stephen Merrill met with the Selectmen to inform them of the plans they have been working on for Groveland Day. Merrill presented a print/layout of the Pines Recreation area detailing where various activities would take place. Steve told the Board that they are planning to extend the normal one day event into three days; that the road race will take place Friday evening, the main events on Saturday, and a softball tournament on Sunday. Merrill told the Selectmen that the only new event that has been added is cow pile bingo. When asked what that consisted of, Merrill responded that there will be a grid 600x600 feet; that there will be one cow for four (4) hours on the grid and squares 2' x 2' are sold with ticket holders betting the cow will go to the bathroom on their square.

Chairman Greaney asked where they planned on having the cow bingo and was told the outfield of the Babe Ruth field. Greaney told Merrill he would have to find another place for the event; that the cow would put diverts in the outfield. Merrill told Greaney that they will clean the field after the event and Greaney responded he doesn't want the cow on either playing field. Merrill stated that the event would take place 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Chairman Greaney suggested they use the dog park in the Pines then suggested behind the Babe Ruth field (other side of outfield fence) at right field. Merrill agreed.

Merrill reported that the tractors, train rides and vendors will be in the same areas as last year and that the pony rides will be moved. He also told the Board that there will be a 10' x 20' stage for demonstrations from karate and dance schools; that there will also be a DJ and band and they have arranged to have a beer and wine tent. Merrill told the Selectmen that they also plan to have a fire pit in a trench in the ground; that the fire department will be asked to handle that. Merrill also mentioned a mechanical bull; that "All About Fun" will be asked to provide their insurance certificate sooner than they did last year. Food vendors will be Country Time, Boy Scouts, Boston Chowda. The Board told Merrill that they will need to see the Board of Health Agent regarding the food vendors and comply with their requirements. He was also asked to get insurance certificates for the cow event, and from food vendors.

Alese told the Board that every year those planning Groveland Day stress over getting sponsors in to pay for the event; that they try to raise more and more funds. Merrill asked if the town could contribute funds toward the cost of Groveland Day. It was suggested that they would need to meet with the Finance Board during budget time and Merrill agreed to do so stating that they will seek an appointment in January.

Merrill told the Board that they have sought assistance from the Electric Department to place a banner across Main Street 3 to 4 weeks prior to Groveland Day and the Road Race; that the funds raised by the race will be divided 50% to the Wounded Warrior program; 25% to Soccer and 25% to Recreation Committee.

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Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Gorski moved, D'Amore seconded, and it was

VOTED: To adjourn. 3-0

Adjourned at 6:58 P.M.

Selectmen left their meeting room to attend the 7:00 P.M. Special Town Meeting being held in the town hall meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Lewandowski
Administrative Assistant