

**Old Home Day Committee Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 12, 2013**

Type of Meeting: Regular meeting

Method of Notification: Public Posting – Two locations at Town Hall and Post Office

Meeting Location: Sandown Town Hall

In attendance: Chair Tim Rand, Karen Jortberg, Erica Olsen, Kara Johnston, Rick DeLuca, Trucinda Phillips, Helen LoPresti, Keith Burleigh, Patty Lakos, Terry Treanor, Paula Gulla

Absent: Bev DeLuca Arthur Genualdo, John Johnston Selectman Liaison Tom Tombarello

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Chair, Tim Rand.

**Confirmation of Event Dates for 2013**

Old Home Days will take place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 9, 10, & 11, 2013.

**Committee Members for 2013**

The returning members of the committee are:

Tim Rand, Karen Jortberg, Rick and Bev DeLuca, Erica Olsen, Paula Gulla, Arthur Genualdo, Kara Johnston, and John Johnston as an alternate member.

New members to be approved by the Selectmen to add to the committee are:

Trucinda Phillips, Keith Burleigh as an alternate member, Helen LoPresti, Patty Lakos and Terry Treanor

The committee discussed the idea of having alternates for several reasons. In the event of an absence at a meeting, an alternate can sit in place for a regular member. Also, due to the large number of committee members, there will need to be more members needed to constitute a quorum. Several members stated they may not be able to make some of the meetings, so they would be good candidates for the alternate positions.

John Johnston and Keith Burleigh will be alternates.

The Board of Selectmen will be asked to appoint the new members and re-appoint the returning members as well as the 2 alternates.

Patty Lakos will be handling the schedule of events for this year.

**Woodsman Competition**

The committee talked at length about holding a woodsman competition to include different competitions like log rolling and chain saw events. The group talked about having only qualified participants, waivers in place and contacting the town's insurance company to see what other precautions may need to be instituted. There will be detailed list of rules and regulations and safety measures would need to be put into place for participants and spectators. Town's insurance will be contacted and then letters sent out seeking participants.

**Fireman's Muster**

The committee discussed the possibility of having a fireman's muster and would like very much to have the Fire Chief at our next meeting to discuss the details. Chief Tapley will be invited to attend our next meeting.

**Games**

Tim mentioned that he would like to see some games for the event like a ring toss, water powered race setup, maybe a dart board with balloons and prizes. Prizes for contestants will need to be bought and it was suggested that Oriental Trading would be a good source for the prizes.

**Rock Wall**

The committee agreed the rock wall would be a great addition since most ages like that ride.

**Train ride**

Karen will contact the roving train ride to see if the proprietor is interested in coming to this year's event.

**Obstacle Course**

Tim also suggested an obstacle course with a water feature could be built by committee members and used for multiple years. He is willing to work on this project.

**Cow Plop Bingo**

It was suggested that this is a great and fun event. Helen will look into planning this event.

**Races**

It was suggested that old fashioned 3 legged races, water balloon toss, egg balancing race and other races would be great for families.

### **Bounce Houses**

The committee will research again the idea of bounce houses versus amusement rides. Several committee members heard from the public that bounce houses were preferred because of the expense and with a one-time fee, families could allow their children to play for a while without any additional expense. The amusement rides were expensive for many families, so the children were only allowed to go on the rides once or twice.

### **Petting Zoo and Pony Rides**

The committee agreed that Patchwork Farms should be contacted to provide the pony rides and petting zoo for this year. They are a local vendor and are willing to be in the parade also.

### **Parade**

It was suggested that we have a prize of \$100 for the best float and that may draw more participants. A viewing stand was suggested in front of the town hall and/or fire station with judges.

### **Kids Parade**

The committee agreed that more energy would be needed to get a kids parade back into the line-up and Helen agreed to work on that project to include having the kids decorate their bicycles.

### **Motor Cycle Show**

The committee agreed that this would be great but where to show the motorcycles would need to be worked out. There is not room at the Library parking lot along with the classic cars but the committee will reconsider this and discuss this again.

### **Hot Dog Eating Contest and Pie Eating Contests**

The committee agreed both were a success last year and will be included again for this year's event.

### **Friday Night Dance**

The committee agreed that was a success last year as well and asked if the band could be contacted and secured again for this year's event. Paula will contact Jimmy East Band.

Rye Airfield had mentioned last year they would add to any skate event that we hold and they would bring equipment and a prize package.

### **Speed Throw**

The committee agreed that was a good event and the Police Explorers will be contacted to see if they are planning to hold a speed throw.

### **Beer Tent**

The committee will investigate a beer tent as an option but no alcohol can be present on school property, so the tent will have to be on town property.

### **Budget**

Currently there is \$928.31 in the Expendable Trust Fund which can be used for deposits for entertainment, rides, etc.

There is \$127.00 in the donation account which can only be used for the contests in the event.

### **Donations**

Donations can be accepted but it was pointed out that the donor has to state whether the donation is for a particular event of Old Home Days or just to be used for the event in general. There is a general letter that can be used for donations.

### **Warrant Article**

There is a current warrant article before the voters in the amount of \$6,000 to replenish the expendable trust fund.

The committee agreed they should meet again in the month of March and the next meeting is scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

### **Marketing**

Last year, several contributed to the marketing and this area is open to anyone who wants to take it over. Newspaper coverage is always a good resource for this event.

### **Entertainment**

Rick will handle the entertainment. The group talked about varying types of music and noted the magician was enjoyed by many of the children last year.

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183 **Citizen of the Year**

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185 Paula usually handles this event.

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187 **Vendors**

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189 Erica handles this area and if someone wanted to assist they can.

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191 **Site**

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193 Arthur Genuardo and Tom Tombarello both take care of the site issues.

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196 The meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

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201 Paula M. Gulla

202 Recording Secretary