

Old Home Day Committee Minutes
Tuesday, July 9, 2013

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4 Type of Meeting: Regular meeting
5 Method of Notification: Public Posting – Two locations at Town Hall and Post Office
6 Meeting Location: Sandown Town Hall
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8 In attendance: Chair Tim Rand, Rick DeLuca, Helen LoPresti, Karen Jortberg, Keith
9 Burleigh, Patty Lakos, Terry Treanor, Paula Gulla and Patricia Kimball, Selectman
10 Liaison Tom Tombarello
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12 Absent: Trucinda Phillips, Bev DeLuca, Rae Donovan, Ed Donovan, Kara Johnston, John
13 Johnston, Erica Olsen and Arthur Genualdo.
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15 Guests: Bea Donohue, Anthony LoConte and Matt Rittenhouse
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17 Chair Tim Rand called the meeting to order a 7:15 pm.
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19 **Beatrice Donohue – Frog Jumping Contest**
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21 Ms. Donohue had forwarded an email to the committee regarding her concerns over the
22 frog jumping contest. Being a science teacher, Ms. Donohue explained the trauma that a
23 frog experiences being left on hot asphalt, out of water for long periods of time, and the
24 possible injuries to limbs from the contest itself. Ms. Donohue was offering to assist with
25 the cooling of the frogs prior to the contest and the return to their natural environment
26 after the contest and asked the committee to assist in the education of parents and
27 children in this process. The Mother’s Club, who sponsor this event, has also been
28 contacted and they will reach out to Ms. Donohue to work with her as well by having
29 participants sign an agreement during registration to return the frogs to a water source.
30 Suggestions were made to pour water on the asphalt just prior to the contest and keep the
31 frogs in water buckets and under shade for the duration. It was suggested that Ms.
32 Donohue may want to provide educational materials to the participants including a poster
33 and brief talk on the frogs and the importance of maintaining their environment.
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35 After a further brief discussion with Ms. Donohue, she was asked to join the committee
36 to which she agreed.
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38 **Anthony LoConte – Sons of Italy Band**
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40 Mr. LoConte stated the Sons of Italy Band will reduce their price from \$1,000 to \$900 for
41 this year’s event and include a performance right after the parade at 12:30 pm.
42 Arrangements were discussed to accommodate the Sons of Italy Band trailer which
43 should be parked in the Library parking lot for easy egress from the event.
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45 Mr. LoConte also agreed to join the Old Home Day Committee

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46 MOTION by Tim Rand to allow Anthony LoConte and Bea Donohue to join the Old
47 Home Day Committee
48 SECOND by Pat Kimball
49 MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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51 This request will be passed along to the Board of Selectmen for their approval and
52 appointment

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54 **Friday Night Events**

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56 The planning for the ham and bean supper and the Aladdin play continues. Contact will
57 be made with Linda Meehan to see if advertising flyers have been distributed yet and for
58 any details on the costs.

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60 **Schedule of Events**

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62 Minor revisions were made to the schedule of events. Patty will keep updating the
63 schedule and also is working on a program for that day. Copies will be made available to
64 the attendees the day of the event.

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66 **Depot Museum**

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68 The members of the Historical Society have been contacted to see what involvement they
69 will be having with the Old Home Day event. No response had been received as on the
70 meeting.

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72 **Treasurer**

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74 Committee members were encouraged to bring forth any invoices so expenses can be
75 approved.

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77 **Marketing**

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79 A poster was approved by the committee and 50 copies will printed by Ram Printing at a
80 cost of \$50.00.

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82 Nikki Price will be contacted to see if the portable sign is still in her possession.

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84 **Site**

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86 Artie was able to secure the porta johns for the same price as last year. There will be 6
87 regular units and 1 handicap unit for a price of \$240.00.

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89 MOTION by Paula Gulla to pay Pete's Septic Service \$240.00 for porta johns for the Old
90 Home Day event

91 SECOND by Rick DeLuca

92 MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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94 Artie also secured 100 feet of the orange snow fencing for cordoning off the woodsman
95 competition.

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97 A quote was secured for 2 generators, tables and chairs from Grand Rental. The quote
98 was reviewed by the committee and they agreed to remove the generators and double the
99 amount of tables and chairs. However, before the order is placed, East Coast Rentals will
100 be contacted to see if they can offer a better price.

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102 **Rides**

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104 Discussion centered on whether there is a water spigot at the school that can be used for
105 the water slide. Water will also be needed to protect the frogs during the frog jumping
106 contest. Tom will check on that and get back to the committee.

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108 Tom also stated he has access to 2 generators that will eliminate the need for us to rent
109 them from Grand Rental.

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111 **Vendors**

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113 Vendor applications are still slow to arrive. The committee discussed what safety
114 precautions can be put into place when vendors start to leave the event, especially if it is
115 early in the day. The Police will be contact to see if they have any suggestions.

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117 **Entertainment**

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119 Entertainment is almost complete however the committee is still seeking another
120 performer such as a clown to entertain the children.

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122 **Parade**

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124 Sue Padden Real Estate will be entering a float in the parade. AmeriKids will be
125 contacted to see if they will perform for a fee of \$125.00.

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127 **Children's Parade**

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129 Children can line up at the Depot for the parade. Police explorers will be contacted to see
130 if they can provide assistance with keeping the children safe and together and escorting
131 them during the parade. Flyers and registration forms will be ready for the next meeting.

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133 **Hot Dog Eating Contest**

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135 No additional information was available for this item.

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138 **Woodsman Competition**

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140 The committee discussed how to allow the trucks to access the competition area
141 especially if they are going to enter the trucks in the parade. Volunteers will be needed
142 right after the parade to assist with this process.

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144 **Cable Access Board**

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146 Donna Green and members of the Cable Access Board may join the Old Home Day
147 committee meeting to film an interview with various members of the committee about
148 Old Home Days.

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150 **Citizen of the Year**

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152 Residents have until July 19th to submit their recommendations for Citizen of the Year.

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154 There has been one submission to date.

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156 **Draft Survey**

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158 Paula presented a draft survey for the committee to review. The purpose of the survey is
159 to obtain information from the residents as to whether they would like to see the event at
160 a different time of year, what type of events they would like to see include in the
161 celebration and any other suggestions they may have. This item will be discussed in
162 further detail at the next meeting.

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164 **Future Committee Meetings**

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166 The committee will meet on the following Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm: 7/16, 7/23, 7/30
167 and 8/6.

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171 Old Home Days.

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173 The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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175 Respectfully submitted,

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177 Paula M. Gulla

178 Recording Secretary