

Old Home Day Committee Minutes
Wednesday, May 28, 2014

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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, Helen LoPresti, Karen Jortberg, Anthony LoConte,
9 Patty Lakos, Terry Treanor, Erica Olsen, Lynne Blaisdell, and Paula Gulla
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11 Pat Kimball arrived at 7:15 pm
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13 Absent: Rick DeLuca, and Arthur Genualdo.
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15 The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.
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17 **Review of Minutes**
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19 MOTION by Anthony LoConte to approved the minutes of 5/14/14 as written
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21 SECOND by Patty Lakos
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23 MOTION PASSED (7-0-2) with ayes from Tim Rand, Anthony LoConte Helen LoPresti,
24 Karen Jortberg, Patty Lakos, Terry Treanor and Paula Gulla; abstention by Lynne
25 Blaisdell and Erica Olsen.
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27 **New Business**
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29 Rick DeLuca was not able to attend the meeting however he wanted to have the
30 committee make a motion for \$200 for his DJ services and \$200 for his band. The
31 committee decided to table this item until Rick could be present for the discussion.
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33 **Entertainment**
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35 MOTION by Anthony LoConte to hire Preciphist at a cost of \$500 to provide the stage,
36 sound system from 9-3pm for Old Home Days
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38 SECOND by Karen Jortberg
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40 MOTION PASSED (7-0-1) ayes from Anthony LoConte Helen LoPresti, Karen Jortberg,
41 Patty Lakos, Terry Treanor, Paula Gulla, Lynne Blaisdell and Erica Olsen; abstention by
42 Tim Rand.
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44 Some other suggestions for entertainment were to have a lip synch and/or talent show.
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46 **Marketing**
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48 The committee thought it may be time to have reporter Matt Rittenhouse begin coverage
49 on this year's events. The committee is making improvements this year by going to one
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46 stage rather than two, varying the music genre to include country, classical and do-op
47 groups. The Friday evening play will be Willie Wonka Kids, so the committee would like
48 to get the word out early about this year's events.

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50 Some other marketing suggestions include putting out the lawn signs, putting up the 4
51 banners around town, flyers, posters, signs around town and exposure through the
52 newspaper etc. Karen Jortberg will see about getting some new banners to replace those
53 that are ripped or torn.

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55 A sample donation letter was emailed to committee members should it be needed to
56 solicit prizes, gift certificates etc.

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58 **Site**

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60 The facility use form for the Sandown Central School has been submitted and is pending
61 an invoice. The Recyclemobile has been reserved for Saturday. Recreation has agreed to
62 let the committee members borrow 2 sets of walkie-talkies for the day on Saturday. Tom
63 Tombarello will handle the electrical needs for the day as usual. Should Dragon Mosquito
64 feel that spraying of the fields is necessary, then the town will be notified for approval.

65 We will request that the school lawn be mowed just before the event. Artie should
66 arrange for the porta-johns and the committee previously asked for a price for one with a
67 changing table if available.

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69 **Rides**

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71 Vertical Entertainment has been contacted again for their rock wall and bungee-jumping
72 unit. The proprietor has expressed interested but has not guaranteed that he will attend.
73 Should he agree to participate, the members agreed that a new location needs to be found
74 to allow proper access and egress from the site in the event of an emergency.

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76 Discussion began around having canoe/kayak races at the town beach. The Fire Chief
77 will be asked if they would provide a boat for monitoring of the event and the Recreation
78 Director will be asked about any special considerations that need to be made to use the
79 beach. A suggestion was made to contact Bass Pro Shop to see if they want to sponsor the
80 event.

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82 Some other ideas included three -legged races, a treasure hunt on the beach, tug of war
83 etc. Pat Kimball suggested that the LIONS Club will do some games for the children as
84 well.

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86 **Parade**

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88 Anthony stated the Pipe and Drum band has not gotten back to him on a reduced price.
89 Karen stated the Windham Community Band is willing to play again for \$500.00.

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91 MOTION by Tim Rand to hire the Windham Community Band for the parade

92 SECOND by Anthony
93 MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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95 MOTION by Anthony LoConte to hire AmeriKids for the parade at a cost of \$125.00
96 SECOND by Patty Lakos

97 MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
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99 Karen has flyers made for the antique cars and an electronic version will be available for
100 the website.

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102 A brief discussion began regarding the amount to give for the best float in the parade.
103 The committee decided to give \$50.00 for first prize and \$25.00 for second.

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105 MOTION by Karen Jortberg to give a \$50.00 prize for the best float in the parade and a
106 \$25.00 prize for the second place float

107 SECOND by Pat Kimball
108 MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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110 Paula relayed some information from Chief Gordon regarding the parade. Chief Gordon
111 stated that one of the issues was the off-loading at the end of the parade in the school
112 circular driveway which backlogged and caused some confusion last year. He suggested
113 changing the direction of the parade and have it end on Glastombury Drive. Karen noted
114 that would mean a long walk back for many of the marchers and difficulty lining up on
115 Yorkshire and Tamworth Rd. After a further brief discussion, Karen will contact Chief
116 Gordon directly to discuss the matter further.

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118 Ken Varrato will be contacted to see if he is interested in holding a karate demonstration
119 again and marching in the parade.

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121 **Vendors**

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123 Lynne provided a list of the current vendors who have signed up to date. There was a
124 discussion about how many booths could use electric and water. Lynne also brought up
125 the fact that St. Matthew's Church paid for a booth when other non-profit agencies were
126 not being charged. Lynne was seeking approval from the committee to return the check
127 back to St. Matthew's. Consensus of the committee was to return the check.

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129 **Volunteers Needed**

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131 The committee stated they need volunteers and/or groups to take over some of the
132 activities for the day. A request will be made to some of the local groups to see if anyone
133 is interested.

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135 **Citizen of the Year**

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137 The LIONS Club has agreed to sponsor the Citizen of the Year Award and Ceremony this
138 year in the amount of \$100.00.

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140 **Friday Night Events**

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142 The LIONS Club will hold the ham and bean dinner on Friday evening. The details will
143 be announced soon but will be the traditional ham and beans with hot dogs, salad etc.

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145 The committee will meet again on Wednesday, June 11th and Wednesday, June 25th at
146 7:00 pm in the Town Hall.

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148 The meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

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150 Respectfully submitted,

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152 Paula M. Gulla

153 Recording Secretary