

1 **Old Home Day Committee Minutes**  
2 **Wednesday, April 22, 2015**

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4 Type of Meeting: Regular meeting

5 Method of Notification: Public Posting – Three locations at Town Hall, Post Office,  
6 Recreation Building

7 Meeting Location: Sandown Recreation Building

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9 In attendance: Chair Tim Rand, Anthony LoConte, Erica Olsen, Rick DeLuca, Beverly  
10 DeLuca, Pat Kimball, Steve Brown, Karen Jortberg: Patty Lakos, Helen LoPresti, and  
11 Paula Gulla

12 Absent: Selectman Liaison Terry Treanor

13 Guest: Police Chief Joseph Gordon and Dan from the Village Idiotz Party Rentals

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15 The committee members met at 6:30 pm to perform a site visit at 460 Main Street, the  
16 site of the new Police Station. The members looked at the site as a possible venue for the  
17 Old Home Day event. After the site visit, the members continued to the Recreation  
18 Building at 25 Pheasant Run to continue the business portion of the meeting.

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21 **Discussion regarding the site of the new Police Station for the event.**

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23 The committee members discussed transportation between the Police Station and the  
24 Recreation building for attendees. Options include the small train, trolley, a small bus,  
25 antique Fire truck rides, etc. Insurance liability should be investigated and considered  
26 with any choice.

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28 Something eye catching should be at the Police station site to attract those passing by and  
29 remind people that the Old Home Day event is happening.

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31 The committee then went to the Recreation Building to begin the business portion of the  
32 meeting. The members viewed the outside grounds of the Recreation building and talked  
33 briefly about options for vendors, bounce houses, parking and uses for the field including  
34 relay races, sack races and tug of war.

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36 The meeting was called to order at 7:23 pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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38 **Review of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

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40 MOTION by Anthony LoConte to approve the minutes of 04/08/15 as written

41 SECOND by Steve Brown

42 MOTION passed unanimously

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44 **List of Prizes**

46 The committee reviewed the list of prizes that were unused from last year's event and it  
47 was noted that Steve Brown contributed several prizes already for this year.

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49 There was a question as to whether the Live Free or Diner was still in business. This will  
50 be confirmed since there are several gift cards that may not be valid.

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52 A suggestion was made that the committee contact the sports teams (Red Sox, Patriots,  
53 Celtics, Fisher Cats, Monarchs etc.) for donations. However, some teams require notice  
54 of fundraising activities and where the proceeds go. This will be investigated and  
55 discussed at a future meeting.

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### 57 **Reimbursement**

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59 Helen LoPresti had expenses of \$9.31 in stamps for donation letters mailed.

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61 MOTION by Tim Rand to reimburse Helen LoPresti \$9.31 for stamps

62 SECOND by Anthony LoConte

63 MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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### 65 **Bicycle Parade**

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67 Helen spoke about this year's bike parade and said that 2 20" bikes were being donated,  
68 one boy's bike and one girl's bike. She would like to see a theme for this year's parade  
69 and have the children decorate their bikes accordingly. Since 9/11 is the day before the  
70 event, the consensus was to have the theme be a patriotic one.

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### 72 **Name of the Event**

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74 The committee discussed options for the name of the event and it was noted that since  
75 some of the traditional August Old Home Day events would still be held, they would be  
76 advertising as Old Home Day. This event, since it would take place in September, may  
77 be called Old Home Day Fall Festival. The committee briefly discussed several versions  
78 of that name and ultimately settled on the Sandown Old Home Day Fall Festival. The  
79 name Old Home Day needs to be kept in the title for the committee to continue to utilize  
80 the Expendable Trust Fund.

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82 MOTION by Paula Gulla to name the September event the Sandown Old Home Day Fall  
83 Festival

84 SECOND by Anthony LoConte

85 MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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87 Steve Brown asked if the current banners could be checked and the size given to him for  
88 any new banners that will be made.

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90 *Karen Jortberg left the meeting at 8:00 pm*

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93 **Event Time**

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95 The committee discussed beginning the event at a later time and possibly continuing the  
96 event later since there was no chicken BBQ in the afternoon. Varying opinions were  
97 presented including the fact that there were few attendees in the early part of the event,  
98 most people seem to show up for the parade and also that most people leave around 3:00  
99 pm since some of the vendors choose to pack up at that time and others follow suit. In  
100 order for vendor applications and letters to go out, the committee found it necessary to  
101 solidify this item.

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103 MOTION by Anthony LoConte to move the start time to 10:00 am

104 SECOND by Patty Lakos

105 MOTION FAILED 3-6-1

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107 MOTION by Steve Brown to hold the event from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

108 SECOND by Erica Olsen

109 MOTION PASSED 9-1-0

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111 **Friday Night Event**

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113 The committee discussed having a 21+ event on Friday evening with a band. Recreation  
114 Director Deb Brown briefly joined the meeting and advised that the Recreation  
115 Commission had previously denied dances at the Recreation building due to its smaller  
116 size than what is needed for that many people. The liquor commission has been contacted  
117 to see what would be appropriate if the committee decided to serve alcohol but no  
118 response has been received to date. Steve Brown will have answers from Redhook and  
119 Smuttynose Breweries for the next meeting regarding having them come and provide the  
120 beer.

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122 **Rides**

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124 Dan from Village Idiotz Party Rentals joined the discussion and said that he could  
125 provide bounce houses at 50% discount for the event. It would be \$620.00 for 4 bounce  
126 houses and \$50.00 for a generator. The generator would come with fuel, but it would be  
127 the committee's responsibility to refuel and fill the containers at the end of the day.

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129 Dan can provide sumo suits, a jousting arena, character costumes for Elmo, Olaf, Elsa,  
130 Mickey and Minnie. Two sumo suits can be rented for \$300.00 per day, basketball shoot  
131 out for \$100, 2 characters for \$150 but we supply the people.

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133 Dan offered that he can also do a pay per play for \$5.00 for 2 people on the sumo suits  
134 and/or jousting arena.

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136 The committee was not ready to commit on the specific items but agreed to hire VI Party  
137 Rentals and work out the details at a later time.

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139 MOTION by Bev DeLuca to hire VI Party Rentals for the event with the details to be  
140 worked out at a later time

141 SECOND by Anthony LoConte

142 MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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144 Dan thanked the committee and said that he may also have a truck that would be  
145 available for the parade. Dan left the meeting at this time.

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147 It was noted that Linda Meehan offered her Mickey and Minnie character costumes and  
148 volunteers to wear them for the parade at no charge.

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150 **Entertainment**

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152 Rick DeLuca said the Bel Airs were willing to perform again for \$450.00

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154 MOTION by Tim Rand to hire the Bel Airs at a price of \$450

155 SECOND by Patty Lakos

156 MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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158 Rick also said that Jimmy East and the Soldiers of Soul were willing to play on Friday  
159 night from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm for \$500

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161 MOTION by Tim Rand to hire Jimmy East and the Soldiers of Soul for \$500

162 SECOND by Paula Gulla

163 MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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165 Hampstead Dance will participate again this year.

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167 Karlene Murphy would like to provide aerial yoga, aerial fitness and aerial dance  
168 demonstrations. She will be contacted for more information.

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170 Helen mentioned that someone is interested in performing acro yoga as well.

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172 **Parade**

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174 Anthony mentioned that the Sons of Italy said they would march for \$1200 this year.

175 Many committee members felt that price was too high. Anthony explained that this is a

176 drum corp and they perform maneuvers as well play and that makes them different from

177 regular marching bands. Should the committee decide to offer food and drinks to the

178 corp, the price may be able to be reduced. A figure of \$800 was discussed and Anthony

179 will get back to the committee after he speaks to the head of the corp.

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181 Pat Kimball mentioned that maybe the Police dedication of the flagpoles could happen

182 before or after the parade which would bring people right to the new Police Station.

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184 **Magician**

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186 Bev researched several magicians and found that Evan Northrup was very good and his  
187 prices were reasonable. He would perform a 30 minute walk around for \$175-\$225, and  
188 combine that with a 30 minute show for \$350. He also said he could do a walk around on  
189 Friday evening and a show on Saturday for \$400.

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191 Bev said that Greg and Axel could also perform 30-40 minutes for \$325 with the dog,  
192 Axel or \$295 without the dog. He needs 30 minutes to prepare the stage and requires  
193 permission to sell his magic wands after the show or the prices increase by \$50.

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195 He also has an obstacle course he can provide for \$350 per day.

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197 After a brief discussion the committee felt they didn't want to lose Evan Northrup since  
198 he had the date available.

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200 MOTION by Anthony LoConte to hire Evan Northrup for \$350 for a walk around and  
201 show on Saturday

202 SECOND by Rick DeLuca

203 MOTION PASSED 9-0-1

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205 **Citizen of the Year**

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207 The committee began a discussion about the Citizen of the Year contest and how it may  
208 need to be revised for future years. The selection process is always left up to whether  
209 submissions are received or not and it is always a waiting game. Suggestions were made  
210 to resurrect the Boston Post Cane that would be given to the oldest citizen of Sandown.  
211 Suggestions were also made to give the annual award to the Senior Citizen of the Year.  
212 More research will be done and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

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214 Pat Kimball mentioned that we picked the same date as Chester's fair date but after they  
215 heard that we were doing our Old Home Day that same weekend, they are considering  
216 moving their date. The committee will contact them and thank them.

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218 The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

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220 Respectfully submitted,

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224 Paula M. Gulla

225 Recording Secretary