

**Old Home Day Committee Minutes  
Wednesday, September 23, 2015**

Type of Meeting: Regular meeting  
Method of Notification: Public Posting – Two locations at Town Hall, Post Office and on the town website  
Meeting Location: Sandown Town Hall 320 Main Street Sandown NH

In attendance: Chair Tim Rand, Patty Lakos, Helen LoPresti, Anthony LoConte, Bob Brouder, Steve Brown, Rick DeLuca, Bev DeLuca, Karen Jortberg, Paula Gulla.  
Absent: Erica Olsen, and Selectman Liaison Terry Treanor.

Chair Tim Rand called the business meeting to order at 7:10 pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Review of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

MOTION by Tim Rand to approve the minutes of 9/9/15 as read  
SECOND by Steve Brown  
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

**Budget**

Final invoices and reimbursements were reviewed by the committee and the following motions were made:

The ESCO awards invoice came in slightly higher than the anticipated \$97.00.  
MOTION by Paula Gulla to pay ESCO Awards \$108.00 for Citizen of the Year gifts and plaque

SECOND by Rick DeLuca  
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Paula Gulla to pay East Coast Lumber \$69.91 for the stakes bought for the ‘No Parking’ signs

SECOND by Patty Lakos  
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Anthony LoConte to reimburse Joseph Gordon \$28.79 for laminating sheets for the ‘No Parking’ signs

SECOND by Steve Brown  
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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47 MOTION by Steve Brown to reimburse Joseph Gordon \$24.95 for the lime used to mark  
48 out the parking spaces

49 SECOND by Patty Lakos

50 MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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52 MOTION to reimburse Patty Lakos \$222.30 for the helium for the balloons

53 SECOND by Steve Brown

54 MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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56 MOTION to reimburse Tom Tombarello \$119.66 for the electrical cord for the electric  
57 panel

58 SECOND by Anthony LoConte

59 MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

60 That panel is the property of the town along with the cord

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62 MOTION to give Pat Mullen \$25 to reimburse her for her services and balloons used for  
63 balloon animals

64 SECOND by Rick DeLuca

65 MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

66 Ms Mullen stepped in at the last minute to make balloon animals for the children after the  
67 scheduled clown canceled out of the event.

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69 *Mark Cyrulik entered the meeting at 7:24 pm*

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71 The committee members discussed paying a fee to Casey Clark who stepped in to play  
72 for 30-45 minutes during the event when a band did not show up for their scheduled time.  
73 After a brief discussion on an amount the following motion was made.

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75 MOTION by Bob Brouder to pay Casey Clark \$50.00 for his time

76 SECOND by Karen Jortberg

77 MOTION PASSED (9-1-0)

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79 MOTION by Patty Lakos to reimburse Paula Gulla \$45.52 for the red flags and the  
80 marking paint to mark out the field

81 SECOND by Steve Brown

82 MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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84 The committee reviewed correspondence received from Donna Green and Deb Brown  
85 regarding suggestions for next year.

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87 **Site**

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89 Regarding the site, the parking lot lighting was sufficient but it was suggested that next  
90 year, more lighting was needed under the tent itself. The parking for Friday night was  
91 dark and more lighting would be needed in those areas. It was suggested that Ed Mencis

92 be contacted to see if the committee could rent additional lighting from him for the  
93 parking lot areas. Signage needs to be clear as to where parking for vendors, parade and  
94 the public is to be held. Also, a suggestion was made that in the early morning, someone  
95 needs to stop each car as they enter to determine where they need to park. Some  
96 complained that the entrance was too far to walk from the events. Suggestion was made  
97 to move the stage alongside the shed which would allow entrance from both gates.  
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99 **Friday Night Events**

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101 A discussion began about whether to allow children to attend next year's events. The  
102 committee was undecided and split on the opinion. Suggestions were made to have an  
103 outdoor movie, hire a babysitter and have the children inside the Recreation building.  
104 This will be discussed in more detail at a future meeting.

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106 The Warrant Article discussion will be held at a later time.

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108 **Marketing**

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110 About 4 lawn signs were lost in the process this year and next year if they are used, the  
111 wording needs to be even larger. A suggestion was made to have a banner strung across  
112 the roadway (Rte 121A) so everyone can see it that goes through town.

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114 Mark made the suggestion that we should advertise different sections of the event on a  
115 weekly basis in the Carriage Town and the Tri Town Times and maybe include a picture  
116 from this year's event.

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118 Mark also stated he would like to join the committee.

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120 MOTION by Anthony LoConte to accept Mark Cyrulik into the Old Home Day  
121 Committee

122 SECOND by Bob Brouder

123 MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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125 Bev explained that we tried to get a flyer home in the Sandown Express but through a set  
126 of circumstances that didn't happen.

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128 **Rides**

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130 The rock wall vendor did very well, especially at the fireworks. VI Party rentals ran out  
131 of gas for his generator and a suggestion was made that we have an additional 5 gallons  
132 of gas ready to use on site next year. Sumo wrestling and jousting did not do as well as  
133 the laser tag the previous year.

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135 Maybe a hayride next year would be a great addition and Bob Brouder said Jim Devine  
136 from HOP may be able to accommodate that request.

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138 *Ed Mencis joined the meeting at 8:10 pm*

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140 **Parade**

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142 Karen said there was not too many attending the parade, some folks didn't know the  
143 location had moved and the route was not the best. The time was too early and the  
144 committee briefly discussed having the parade in August with the chicken BBQ or not  
145 having a parade at all. This will be discussed in more detail at future meetings.

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147 Anthony LoConte wanted to give Karen Jortberg something to say thank you for all her  
148 years of volunteering with the Old Home Day Committee.

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150 MOTION by Anthony LoConte to give Karen Jortberg a \$20 gift card to Goldenrod.

151 Karen said thank you but declined. The motion failed for lack of a second.

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153 **Vendors**

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155 Both Ed and Mark attend other events and they both said they would hand out flyers for  
156 our Old Home Day event provided we have them ready in time. This would expose the  
157 event to more vendors. At least 300 flyers could be passed out at the Kingston Days  
158 alone. This would also bring in more craft vendors.

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160 The amount and type of food sold should be more controlled next year. Only one vendor  
161 selling each type of food would be best to control competition. Mark said he would be  
162 willing to help or take over the vendors for next year.

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164 **Entertainment**

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166 Patty would like to see the woodsman competition investigated for next year.

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168 Everything went well with the entertainment and there was good feedback on the  
169 Timberlane Community Band on Saturday evening. The magician was wonderful. Next  
170 year some suggestions were offered for a town talent show or lip sync for adults and/or  
171 children. The PA system needs to be adjusted so announcements can be heard all over  
172 the area.

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174 **Citizen of the Year**

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176 Citizen of the Year went very well this year, however, the time may have been too early  
177 for the maximum attendance. A suggestion was made to have the Citizens be the grand  
178 marshals in the parade and have the award presentations after the parade. We can also  
179 advertise the names in the newspaper ahead of time as part of the advertising.

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181 **Additional Topics**

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183 The committee wondered if the date should be the same next year since it was the same  
184 day as Chester's event. This will be up for discussion at future meetings.

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189 **Fireworks**

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191 A suggestion was made that if we had smaller shells (4" rather than 5"), the fireworks  
192 would be longer and a bigger show. There would also be a lesser safety radius needed,  
193 which would free up some areas for additional parking. The Board of Selectmen would  
194 need to address this since the fireworks come from the town budget.

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196 Erica developed an on-line survey and the committee looked at the results. Overall people  
197 were happy with the change of date and venue.

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199 **Committee Membership**

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201 The committee received a resignation letter from Helen LoPresti. Helen stated she  
202 enjoyed her time with the committee but since she lives such a distance away, she will no  
203 longer be able to attend most of the meetings and participate.

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205 MOTION by Anthony LoConte to accept the resignation of Helen LoPresti with regret

206 SECOND by Paula Gulla

207 MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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209 The next meeting to address the warrant article amount will be held on Wednesday,  
210 November 4, 2015 at 7:00 pm with a follow up meeting on Wednesday, December 2,  
211 2015 if needed.

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213 The meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

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217 Respectfully submitted,

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221 Paula M. Gulla

222 Recording Secretary