

1 **Old Home Day Committee Minutes**
2 **Wednesday, March 23, 2016**

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4 Type of Meeting: Regular meeting

5 Method of Notification: Public Posting – Two locations at Town Hall, Post Office and on
6 the town website

7 Meeting Location: Sandown Town Hall

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9 In attendance: Chair Tim Rand, Patty Lakos, Rick DeLuca, Erica Olsen, Samantha Olsen,
10 Paula Gulla and Selectman Liaison Terry Treanor.

11 Absent: Anthony LoConte, Bob Brouder, Cheryl Brouder, Pat Kimball and Bev DeLuca

12 Guest: Alison Rochenski

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14 Chair Tim Rand called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm and began with the Pledge of
15 Allegiance.

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17 **Committee Membership**

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19 The committee members present at this meeting will continue as members on the
20 committee. Alison Rochenski and Samantha Olsen are sitting in on the meeting and will
21 potentially become members.

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23 **Treasurer**

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25 With the new warrant article amount of \$7,000, the current total available to the Old
26 Home Day Committee is \$7,812.27. This includes funds in both the Old Home Day
27 Expendable Trust Fund and the Old Home Day Donation Account. It was noted that the
28 warrant article passed but not by a large margin.

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30 **Comments from Last Year's Event**

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32 Members discussed the idea that any Old Home Day Committee member should not
33 accept any winnings from contests like the chili cook-off, cow plop bingo etc. Members
34 can submit an entry but should pass on the winnings and allow another winner to be
35 chosen.

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37 **Site**

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39 The event will be held again at the Recreation building again this year however there are
40 some concerns that construction may be going on at the end of the cul-de-sac. The owner
41 of the property may be approaching the town to build and that may impact parking for the
42 event. This will be monitored and revisions made if necessary. Comments were made to
43 the committee members that more handicap parking should be allocated and better
44 delineated. A suggestion was made to section off elderly and handicap parking.

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47 **Rides**

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49 The committee reviewed a letter received by the State Fire Marshal's office regarding
50 bounce houses and some new requirements. Vendors must produce an insurance
51 certificate, they must register and have the bounce house inspected prior to use and
52 anyone manning the house must be trained by the vendor. This will be addressed when a
53 vendor is chosen and the information will be passed along to the Police Explorers if they
54 choose to man the bounce houses again this year.

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56 Rick DeLuca mentioned that the Yard Restaurant has a mechanical bull and they rent it
57 out.

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59 **Parade**

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61 The committee members do not have anyone that has volunteered to run the parade for
62 this year's event. The committee wondered if the public still wanted a parade. Erica
63 Olsen will put a survey on the Old Home Day Facebook page asking if residents want to
64 continue with the parade.

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66 As an alternative or in addition to the parade, Erica presented some materials on bed
67 races. The Town of Henniker held bed races last year and Erica provided a link to their
68 video, a set of rules and Erica offered to help run this event. This item will have further
69 discussion once we see if the survey provides some direction as to the parade.

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71 **Vendors**

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73 Erica and Samantha Olsen will handle the vendors again this year. The committee
74 discussed whether to raise the booth rental fees and after a brief discussion and
75 comparison to some of the other neighboring towns, the committee decided to raise the
76 fee to \$30.00 for a 10 X 10, \$60 for a 10 X 20 and now charge non-profit organizations
77 \$15.00 with proof of their non-profit status. Additional charges will continue for water
78 and electric.

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80 The committee agrees that revisions need to be made to the vendor drop off and parking
81 situation for this year. Last year there were too many vehicles entering the area which
82 caused confusion and a potentially dangerous situation. This will be addressed in more
83 detail at a future meeting.

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85 **Entertainment**

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87 The Tom Towler band contacted the committee to see about performing. They will be
88 contacted. Several other local bands can be contacted to see if they are available. Rick
89 DeLuca wondered if Linda Meehan was thinking about the Timberlane Community Band
90 again this year since that would determine the band for Saturday night. If they are not
91 coming, then Rick will need to book a band for that evening.

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93 Also, it was mentioned that a country band may be a good idea to add to the lineup.

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95 **Friday Night Events**

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97 A brief discussion began regarding the possibility of having children at the Friday night
98 events. Some were for and against the idea. Further discussion will happen at a future
99 meeting after it is confirmed that there will be a beer tent again this year. Rick will
100 contact Phil Roth to see if Jimmy East and the Soldiers of Soul are interested in playing
101 again this year.

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103 At the next meeting, Police, Fire, Recreation, LIONS Club members, Linda and Ed
104 Mencis will be invited to attend to address any concerns.

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106 The next meeting is scheduled for 4/20/16 at 7:00 pm.

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108 The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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115 Paula M. Gulla

116 Recording Secretary