

4/20/21 Old Home Day meeting 7:15pm

Attendees Present : John Herbert, Jim Hoyt, Jen Hoyt, Mac Johnston, Judy Preston (rep of library), Brett Walker, Lisa Walker, Louise Andrus (zoom), Mac McDuffie, Tammy Hilton (zoom), Celine Fortin (zoom)

OHD was brought to order by Jim Hoyt at 7:15 p.m.

First order of business, Jim Hoyt nominated Jen Hoyt to be chair of the Old Home Day committee. Mac J. seconded, all agreed.

Jen nominated Louise Andrus as vendor coordinator. Jim seconded, all agreed.

Jen nominated Lisa Walker as secretary. John seconded, all agreed.

Brett stated that he is not officially on the committee. He stated that he doesn't think all the selectmen need to be on the committee, but just wanted to come to share some ideas and help when and if needed.

Judy Preston had a question – have we decided how far we are going to go with OHD, Same as the past, scaled back, vendors etc.?

Jim and Jen Hoyt said it will be a lot like OHDs in the past But due to Covid19 Social distancing guidelines put out by the CDC would be followed , hand sanitizer would be provided at the event , OHD would have various vendors, a parade, horse shoes, etc.

John thinks they will be able to do the BBQ for the church. Pies, salads etc. There is a lot of planning ahead of time to come up with volunteers to help with salads, pies, cooking etc. He stated he would work on it.

Judy mentioned that the Library usually does a – book sale and bake sale and that the friends usually do something as well. Judy asked Jen if she had contacted anyone from the Historical society. Jen replied “that she had emailed one member but that the email bounced back.”

Historical society – would usually do elephant table, cemetery walks, museum open Judy is going to reach out the SHS and an invite to our next meeting.

Mac MacDuffie stated that he was at the meeting on behalf of the fire department.

Jen asked John if OHD is usually the first weekend in August. Mac J. and Judy agreed that it is usually that first weekend. All agreed that it should stay on the first weekend. Jen asked if that was the weekend of August 8th, all replied yes they believe so.

There was discussion on whether OHD should be a 1 day or 2 day event. Saturday will be up at the town green and Sunday will be at the ball field?

Brett's suggested that we look at our 4 different groups – kids, teens, adults, seniors – and to try and have things for everyone.

Muster on Sunday – bucket brigade, check with other Fire depts to see if they have stuff. Brett can announce the “events” on the day of.

Junior muster on Saturday at the Town Green.

Mac M – where do we stand on fire works? Nancy Hayden emailed Jen the history of the fireworks. The email stated that tried to have fireworks for years as part of Old Home day but she was usually told no by the town up until 7 years ago. The first year they were done in memory of her mom as she had used some of the money she inherited from her mom to put on the fire-works. However in the year after that, Rodger Heath started donating large amounts of

money, she decided to name after his wife, Martha Heath. Since started the fire works 7 years ago, they would always have them as part of OHD until 2020 due to Covid-19 at which time OHD was cancelled and then it was decided to hold them in September as Nancy still had a contact for the fire works with Atlas. The Selectmen were kid enough to have them paid for from the OHD budget which was still full because 2020's OHD was cancelled. Nancy also stated that she had talked to many people in town and the consensus was that the Town's people preferred to hold the Martha Heath Memorial Fireworks in September & not on OHD. Nancy also stated that she spoke with April Rollins last year, it was decided that ongoing, that she will pay for the fireworks out of an account she already has at the bank for the fireworks and she would no longer encumber any leftover money from the OHD budget, which was fine with her, So now the Fireworks are a totally separate event.

Mac M said not having the fireworks on OHD is good, it will free up the fire department so they can participate with the day's events. Mac M is looking to get others into the fire dept and explorers, OHD could possibly help with this.

The following were ideas put on the Brainstorm board at the meeting:

One of the Bailey boys does the horseshoe Tournament

Explorers sell food at OHD and at muster on Sunday

Kids – petty zoo, reptile thing?? Jen

Jen – wine tasting, beer tasting

Tammy Hamilton is interested in being on the committee

Chicken / Egg Contest

Possible themes, Brett said Community

Mac McDuffie - do we even need a theme?

Everyone seemed to like Community

Pie contest, cake contest, chili cook off

Scavenger hunt – Brett

Classic car show?

Tractor show? Last one didn't really attract the citizens

Ask the question OHD at the ball field and town square Mac said maybe have a flyer that talks about the events at each location for each day

Brett - Heights Saturday, ball field Sunday

Muster, tractors, cars, fire trucks on Sunday

Brett what we need to think about Saturday immediately after parade there has to be something to hold people there. Food immediately after parade, junior muster, corn hole. Can't have a down time.

Medical tent Celine Fortin can do this.

Junk to funk after the parade??

Parade – look at bands

Mac J – community band (have their own wagon)

Shiners?

John we need a parade coordinator – Tammy Hamilton said she would be the Parade Coordinator (Jen made the motion, Mac J seconded, all voted in favor)

Celine Fortin – medical tent

Businesses, organizations in town participate in parade and/ or have a booth

Tammy – chicken judge (chicken / egg contest as she is an official Judge in this area)

Farmer's market as a vendor on Saturday

Brett – condense time frame. Have lots of things going on at the same time. Would prefer to have too much for people to do. Pet parade at the end of the parade or do on Friday night as pet parade and ice cream social.

Possible activities: Fireman's muster (kids Saturday, adults Sunday), Boston Cane, Chicken BBQ, corn hole, horse shoes, dunk tank, petting zoo, face painting, beer tasting, wine tasting, bands, shiner's go carts, chicken contest, farmer's market, climbing wall, balloon animals, food vendors, chili cook off, cake contest, pie contest, scavenger hunt, egg toss, tractor show, junk to funk, pet parade, ice cream social.

No fireworks for OHD

Second Tuesday of May 11th 7:15

Jen moved that we close the meeting 8:30 Jim seconded all agreed.

Respectfully Submitted by

Lisa Walker

OHD Committee Secretary

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