

5/11/2021 Old Home Day meeting 7:15pm

Attendees present: Brett Walker, Lisa Walker, Jen Hoyt, Jim Hoyt, Bill McDuffie, Jr., John Herbert, Judy Preston, Dave M., Louise Andrus, Derek Allard, Celine Fortin (zoom)

Jen called the meeting to order at 7:21

John mentioned that the town clerk and town administrator asked us not to park in front of the building to leave space for those coming to register their vehicles.

Jen stated the first order of business should be to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Judy questioned the dates for OHD in the minutes as being incorrect. It was moved and seconded that we amend the April 20th minutes to reflect the correct dates, Saturday August 7th and Sunday August 8th.

Jen asked Louise how it was going with getting vendors. Louise stated that she had some questions. Is the church still doing their BBQ? Was wondering because the farmers market was usually in there. Helen who usually runs the farmers market will not be there for OHD, per Judy. Louise also asked if we should limit vendors to Salisbury residents first or first come, first serve. Brett mentioned that we should have a variety (food, crafts etc.) of vendors. Louise also mentioned that there is no charge for the vendors. Although, in the past some of the vendors have given donations.

Jen and Louise met at the Town Hall to take some measurements to see how many vendors to have and have social distancing. They were thinking 25-30 vendors. There was discussion of a map of the area and to have social distancing. Jen said that she and Jim should go and measure the whole area.

There was discussion of when to start the parade and turning the route around. Bill mentioned that the parade is too big to turn around where it has in the past. Plus, the yard/drive way that it used to turn around in now has a fence up. So the discussion is to have the parade start on West Salisbury Road. We can have people go down to Bay Road as there is no way to turn around down on W. Salisbury Road in order to get in line for the parade if it is a big truck or other vehicle. Then it will end at Center Road. Having the kids lead off the parade with their bikes and animals and then peeling off at Hensmith Road so they can watch the rest of the parade.

Bill mentioned that he would like to have police detail on both ends of the parade. In the past the FD had done the end of the parade and a police detail did the beginning. Brett stated we should just get two details for the parade. Jim is going to contact the State Police.

There was discussion of moving the time of the parade so that it ends closer to when the chicken bbq will begin. We want to try and have lots going on at the same time so people don't leave. Bill mentioned that we need to give the vendors a certain time to have their vehicles off the green. So they can drop their supplies and then go park their cars and then come back and set up.

Dave, who is in charge of the Historical Society stated that they are planning on doing their white elephant, raffles, looking for new members, museum and meeting house will be open. He is not sure if they are going to do the cemetery walk. Not sure that they are going to have enough volunteers. Jen asked if

they are looking for donations for the white elephant. Dave confirm that they are and they have someone to man the table all day.

He also mentioned that if we are doing the climbing wall again this year he asked that we look at moving it to another location off of the Historical Society Property as it is a liability to the Historical Society that they do not wish to have. Dave also said that people were going onto the neighbor's property and going into their barn. He feels that it is an issue; he doesn't want to upset the neighbors. Brett suggested that we fence or rope off the area and make some signs. Dave also mentioned if the ice cream social has been taken into account. It was mentioned that we have it after the chicken bbq. Also, with the kids starting the parade it was mentioned that we could do the pet parade at that time as well. As they won't be walking the whole parade.

We discussed where the antique cars and tractors can park for the fireman's muster. Spectators will be parking on the road.

Bill mentioned that everyone from the FD is all in for the muster. Josh is working on ideas for games. We talked about the muster running from 10:30am – 3:30 or 4pm on Sunday August 8 at the Maplewood Ball Field. Bill also said that they should be able to get 4 or 5 other teams to come and participate. He asked that for mini muster for the kids that the Explorers have their fries and activity station at the same spot so they can switch back and forth more easily.

Judy asked about the horseshoe tournament. Jen said that she has the contact info and is going to reach out the Erik Bailey.

Jen mentioned that the budget for OHD is \$4,000.

Brett mentioned that we need to have some music for the parade. Jen is going to reach out to the MVHS to look at getting the marching band to come out. Derek said that he contact with some other bands if needed. There was discussion about the Kearsarge band had played in the parade in 2019 and played after as well.

Brett also mentioned that there is a facebook group for OHD. Jen will reach out to Judy and/or Nancy to get the credentials in order to access it and post.

Dave brought up Citizens of the Year. There is discussion to put out boxes and have a specific email to sent votes. Dave mentioned that we have it posted in the Salisbury LifeLine so people know.

Bill said that we will need at least 12 volunteers to help the day of OHD.

The library will have their book sale and sell coffee, donuts, baked goods.

Jim mentioned that we should people in charge in certain things for OHD.

Jen will try to have answers to questions as our next meeting.

Next meeting is May 25th 7:15pm, Academy Hall (upstairs).

Respectfully Submitted by

Lisa Walker

OHD Committee Secretary

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