

OHD committee Meeting Minutes

11 March 2024 / 7:00 PM / Academy Hall

Roll Call

Chair Jennifer Hoyt called the meeting to order at 7 pm

Jennifer Hoyt (Chair)-present, Dave Merwin(SHS) -Present, Nathan Irving
-Present, John Herbert (EX-Officio) -Present, Brennen Lorden(Fire Dept)
-Absent

Guests: Jim Hoyt, David Rapalyea, Cheryl Bentley, Mac Johnston, Celine Fortin-
(on Zoom)

Old Business:

Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Approve meeting minutes from August 8 2023
2. Feedback from last year's Old Home Day- Dave stated that everyone he spoke with had nothing but positive things to report. Everyone seemed to like the photo booth, kid's ax throwing, climbing wall, clown and reptiles.
3. 2023 Winning citizen count -Gayle Landry with 10 votes, David Rapalyea -2, Jen Hoyt -1, Mike Broas-1, Tom Ciccarello-1, Joe Landry-2, Bill MacDuffie Sr.-2 , Bill MacDuffie Jr. -4, Jim Hoyt-2, Mac MacDuffie-1, Phil Alton-1, Harry Miller-1

New Business

- Date of this year's Old home Day is Friday August 10 , car show at 4:30 pm - 7 pm with the fireworks at Dusk .

- Main Old Home Day events with vendors are Saturday August 11, Vendors 9-3 pm, Corn hole at 3:30pm. Announcements of citizen of the year at noon, along with Boston Cane Holder.
- New Buttons for 2024 will be designed by Brett Walker
- Election of officers. John Hebert explained that the select board appointed Nathan Irving to the OHD committee as requested by Jennifer Hoyt at their last meeting. The OHD committee will need to accept his appointment. Jen motioned to accept the select board's appointment of Nathan Irving to replace outgoing member Lisa Walker . Dave made the second, all voted in favor of accepting Nathan's appointment by the select board. Jen Hoyt nominated Nathan Irving for secretary , John made the second , all voted in favor. Jen Hoyt nominated Dave Merwin as vice chair, John Herbert made the second all voted in favor. Jen Hoyt nominated John Herbert as Treasurer, Dave Merwin made the second- all voted in favor. Jen Hoyt said that she will have to be reappointed to the committee by the selectmen as her term expires tomorrow with the elections on March 12. Dave said that we would wait to nominate her until that time as chair. All agreed.

NOTES

- Jen Hoyt explained that they were as discussed last year going to change the OHD event to August 17th but that Dora Raplyea had reached out to her and said that this would not work as it is Webster's OHD. Jennifer explained that the reason for the change was because several other surrounding towns have the same day as we do, causing us to have to compete for vendors, parade participants etc. Dave Rapalyea explained that OHD used to be the third weekend in August like Webster's but that it was moved years ago. Jennifer made the motion to keep OHD in the second weekend of August, Dave made the second all voted in favor. OHD will be Friday August 10th with the car show kicking it off followed by the fireworks at dusk, rain date for the fireworks will be Sunday August 12 at dusk.
- Dave Merwin asked about pastry and coffee being served in the morning. Many people ask why we don't have that. Jennifer said that Cheryl Bentley is here to talk about that exact topic. Cheryl Bentley then went

on to explain that she is a new member of the friends of the library group and that she would be there providing coffee and pastries, even some of her famous cinnamon rolls in the morning of August 11. Dave said that would be fantastic.

- Jennifer then asked Mac Johnston about the car show. He stated that he would like to have help from Jim Hoyt again this year painting the lines and perhaps changing up the categories for the winners. Possibly just first, second, third place and oldest and furthest. Mac also requested that we have fliers this year and ribbons.
- Jennifer said that she received an email from Brennen Lorden regarding the Corn hole tournament that he would run again this year. It will be at the same start time as last year, 3:30 pm.
- Jennifer stated that she already asked Pam Bridge to come back as the amazing Lollipop the clown to make balloon creations for the kids.
- Jim Hoyt stated that he would like some more activities for the kids this year and that he would try to find sponsors for those added activities. The Board welcomed his help. He will give us an update at our next meeting.
- Jennifer asked the board if the second Tuesday at 7:15pm still works for everyone to attend the OHD meeting. John, Dave and Nathan said that the time and day still works. Jen made the motion to keep the OHD meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:15 pm, Dave seconded , all voted in favor.
- Jennifer said that she doesn't think that the chili contest should go on this year due to very low participation. There was some discussion around this but all agreed to brainstorm some other ideas to replace this contest. There was some discussion of the great wood cutouts that Boscawen does and the welcome wagons that our OHD committee did for the 180th. It was decided that we would all think on this and discuss the next meeting.
- Jennifer asked if we would like Reptiles on the move to come back this year. John, Dave and Nathan thought that they were great to have. Jennifer said she would email them.
- Jennifer asked who was going to head up the parade since Lisa's departure. Cheryl Bentley said that she would ask her daughter Molly if

she would. Everyone on the board welcomed this. Cheryl said she would email the committee back and let us know soon.

- Jennifer said that she was unsure if they would have face painting this year unless they can get more volunteers to help.
- Celine Fortin (on Zoom) asked if she could have a first aid information type tent. Jennifer Hoyt said sure, anything you would like to add would be most welcomed.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Jennifer to reach out to vendors including Reptiles on the move.
2. Jim Hoyt is to reach out to potential sponsors for kid's activities.
3. Cheryl Bentley will ask her daughter about heading up the parade
4. Everyone to brainstorm about things to replace Chili contest
5. Jennifer will remind the Select board to re-appoint her to the committee

With no further business before the board meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm

NEXT Meeting

Tuesday April 09 2024 7:15 Pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Jennifer Hoyt