

**Town of Boscawen
Old Home Day
Boscawen Municipal Complex
Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 25, 2021 at 6:00 PM**

Present: Polly Dawson - Chair, Lori Bernard, Laura Lane, Lorrie Carey – Ex-Officio
Excused: Rhoda Bergeron, Beverly Lacoy, Lyman Cousens, Susan Dukette & Kim Kenney
Others Present: Kearsten O'Brien- Planning & Community Development Assistant & Hannah Gardner- Recording Secretary

Chair Polly Dawson opened the public meeting at 6:00pm.

Chair Dawson read off the Covid-19 Public Meeting Notice of Telephonic Meetings, which reads as follows: In light of the state of emergency declared by the Governor on March 13, 2020, and to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, the chair has determined that an emergency exists and that accordingly, until further notice, (a) members of the board may attend all board meetings telephonically, without the physical presence of a quorum; and (b) members of the public who wish to participate in hearings may, on request, participate telephonically or submit comments in writing to be included in the record of the hearing.

Roll call completed by Chair Dawson.

Minutes:

- Lorrie Carey requests one correction in lines 43-44 to add the word “year”.

November 16th, 2020 – Polly Dawson motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Lori Bernard. All in favor. None Opposed.

BINGO:

Ms. Lori Bernard stated that Mr. Lyman Cousens provided her information on the online BINGO and stated there is a place we can order BINGO cards. She stated that you get a certain number of cards free, after reaching the limit you can buy the cards online. People can access it through email, phone or through video. The numbers are generated. Ms. Lori Carey stated the numbers are called online. She explained for a Christmas BINGO she participated in with another organization, they delivered a goodie bag to everyone's door and it included food and BINGO cards. The organizer of the BINGO called the numbers electronically and they could see all the numbers called on the screen. Ms. Bernard stated an example she saw online, allowed players to ask questions, it showed each card number and if the person actually got the BINGO. Ms. Carey suggested the luncheon goodie bag idea to be a part of the planning. People could pick them up, a drive-thru pick up or we could deliver them to their doors. Ms. Carey stated the online BINGO cards are free up to a certain limit but to add excitement to the game, certain items may cost money. Ms. Bernard stated she believed you only had to pay for cards if it was more than 70. Chair Dawson stated they would pay for the cards, charge the public for the bags and deliver or have people pick them up. She asked how long the game ran for. Ms. Carey stated it was about 2

hours. Chair Dawson expressed concern about sociability and prizes. Ms. Carey stated people can still communicate electronically and when the BINGO screen is not present you can see all of the participants. Ms. Laura Lane asked about how to charge participants. Ms. Carey stated in her experience, when they deliver goodie bags the participants present the money. It was \$10 a bag. Chair Dawson asked the committee to think about it for conversation at the next meeting.

Craft Fair:

Mrs. Kenney suggested holding the Craft Fair outside at the last meeting. Chair Dawson stated that Ms. Kenney mentioned one suggestion was to do it at school, early in the year so it could be outside, but they would have no power. Some people may not want their goods outside. We need to consider getting tents in case it rains. Ms. Lane stated the weather would be a big consideration. Ms. Bernard stated she has been involved in multiple craft fairs outside and they were successful. She said they should still consider tents for back up. Chair Dawson was concerned about the Town's rules related to COVID protocols and having the tables 6 feet apart. Ms. Bernard suggested setting it up similar to Old Home's Day and have it in the fields. It would have to be done in late summer or early Fall. Mrs. Kenney suggested using the school's parking lot at the last Old Home Day meeting. One parking lot for set up and the other parking lot for customers to come in. Ms. Bernard suggested Jamie Welch Field because there is parking area and 3 fields to spread out. Chair Dawson stated that the field they would have electricity. Ms. Carey suggested the Municipal Building because it is visible. Ms. Lane stated there is limited space at the Municipal Building

Old Home Day:

At the last Old Home Day meeting Mrs. Kenney recommended to the Old Home Day Committee to still have a Plan A and B. She will present the two plans at the next meeting. Chair Dawson will check in with Mrs. Kenney to see who she has contacted. The Town will need to let the committee know by March if they are allowed to host the event and how much they can have.

Golf Tournament:

Chair Dawson is hoping to find someone to help with the Golf Tournament this year. Mrs. Kenney told Chair Dawson she knew someone who may be interested so she will follow up with them. Chair Dawson requested that someone assist Mrs. Kenney.

News Vine:

Mr. Lyman Cousens asked for members in the News Vine. Chair Dawson stated there have been no calls. Mrs. O'Brien stated if Mr. Cousens sends information via email to her about the need for members, she can spread the word on the Town's website and Facebook page. Ms. Carey suggested sending out something to the schools to send home to the parents.

Budget 2021:

The financial report showed the current balance is \$26,252. Ms. Carey stated the Town budget doesn't have as much money for Old Home Day as it has in the past. The Budget Committee

may cut it more. Ms. Carey stated Selectperson Cherian and Selectperson Dickey, agreed to donate \$100 a piece to Old Home Day. Ms. Carey stated she believes the budget is currently \$4000 for Old Home Day fireworks.

Chair Dawson motioned to accept the January 2021 financial report as presented. Seconded by Lorrie Carey. All in favor. None opposed.

Next meeting:

Monday, March 15th, 2021 @ 6:00PM

Chair Dawson motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Lorrie Carey. All in favor. None opposed.

Respectfully submitted by, Hannah Gardner