

**Town of Boscawen
Old Home Day
Boscawen Municipal Complex
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 22nd, 2023 at 6:00 PM**

Present: Polly Dawson - Chair, Gary Tillman, Beverly Lacoy & Matthew Burdick– Ex-Officio

Excused: Kim Kenney

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

Roll call completed by Chair Dawson.

Minutes:

Mr. Gary Tillman motioned to approve the 01.18.23 Old Home Day draft minutes as presented. Seconded by Ms. Beverly Lacoy. All in favor. None opposed.

Financial Reports: There has been no changes to the Old Home Day Financial Report.

Regular Business: Mr. Tillman gave an update on the Draft Horse event. Mr. John Keegan, Chair of the Agricultural Committee discussed the idea and potential dates with the Sanborn's. The event will include a plowing contest, harrowing, time for parents and children to drive the horses, etc. Chair Polly Dawson suggested the OHD Committee be in charge of the food and drinks. Mr. Tillman suggested doing the bake sale at the event. No further discussion.

Ms. Lacoy asked about the OHD chicken cutouts. Discussion ensued. They will request a picture from Mrs. Adele Sanborn. Chair Dawson said Mrs. Sanborn made a Facebook post to see if residents were interested in donating their time to cut out chickens. Mr. Tillman suggested asking the new business on Tremont St, Liber Custom, a laser cutting service. Ms. Lacoy will ask her son if he is interested in helping.

Chair Dawson noted OHD may not have firework funding this year. The 2023 town budget was cut after receiving feedback from the public. The Select Board removed the firework lines from both the OHD and Beautification budget. Mr. Tillman said he will clarify that they intended to cut both lines, at tomorrow's budget meeting. Ex-Officio Burdick emailed Finance Director Kate Merrill about the budget lines. He did not recall discussion about removing them both entirely, just a portion.

Chair Dawson said the OHD Committee will have nowhere to store their equipment if the town approves the Select Board to sell the Torrent building at Town meeting. Ex-Officio Burdick noted they discussed putting a storage shed at the Jamie Welch field, where most of OHD takes place. Chair Dawson noted they also store equipment at the Town Hall.

Chair Dawson presented an overview of the Primex findings for Vertical Entertainment. At the last meeting, Mr. Rick Muthersbaugh from Vertical Entertainment offered his services as an option for OHD activities. The letter from FD Merrill stated: the Select Board can decide to use the vendor, but Primex will not cover any risks to bounce services. Primex suggested the town have a legal review of the owner's liability contract to ensure that a transfer of liability to the company is accurately stated. The Committee would need to request that the Select Board consider the vendor and send it to legal for review. Select Board approval is required as the town is the one assuming the potential risk. Chair Dawson noted the town has a copy of the Vertical Entertainment liability insurance contract.

Chair Dawson motioned to approve recommending Vertical Entertainment to the Select Board for entertainment at OHD. Furthermore, to see if the Select Board will send the Vertical Entertainment liability insurance contract for legal review. Seconded by Mr. Tillman. All in favor. None opposed.

Ex-Officio Burdick noted he reached out to food truck vendors and is awaiting responses. The Junkyard Dogs have stayed in contact.

New Business: Ms. Lacoy asked who will be in charge of the Golf Tournament. Chair Dawson said Ms. Kenney will organize the event and Mr. Lyman Cousens offered to help.

Mr. Tillman noted that if the fireworks funding is removed from the OHD budget, the committee will need to think of another major fundraiser. He suggested Mr. Muthersbaugh's idea of a casino night, to fundraise for activities. No further discussion.

Ms. Lacoy has been in contact with the Masons in regard to renting their hall for BINGO night. She contacted Horace Chase Lodge as well. Mr. Tillman asked how many people attended BINGO in the past. Chair Dawson said there were about 50 to 60 people. Ms. Lacoy noted the hall is smaller than Town Hall. Ex-Officio Burdick said the lodge can hold around 150 people in the kitchen area. No further discussion.

Next Meeting:

Monday, March 20th, 2023, @ 6:00pm.

Chair Dawson motioned to adjourn at 7:00pm. Seconded by Mr. Tillman. All in favor. None opposed.

Respectfully submitted by Hannah Gardner