

**Town of Boscawen
Old Home Day
Boscawen Municipal Complex
Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 21st, 2022, at 6:00 PM**

Present: Polly Dawson - Chair, Kim Kenney, Lyman Cousens, Beverly Lacoy & Matthew Burdick– Ex-Officio and Town Clerk Nicole Hoyt

Excused: Laura Lane, Lori Bernard,

Guests: Adele Sanborn; Twiggs Gallery & Julie Fournier

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

Roll call completed by Chair Dawson.

Minutes:

Mr. Lyman Cousens motioned to approve the 02.16.22 OHD draft minutes as presented. Seconded by Ms. Kim Kenney. All in favor. None opposed.

Ms. Beverly Lacoy said Ms. Laura Lane will not be attending anymore meetings. Town Clerk Hoyt asked Ms. Lacoy to contact her to ask for her resignation in writing. Ms. Kenney said two people from the PTA meeting said they would help OHD at any event they could. Those people have no desire to be fingerprinted and put into a term. Some people just want to volunteer. Chair Dawson said they would need to be fingerprinted regardless. Town Clerk Hoyt said being appointed and having a term is loosely held. It is a formality. Mr. Cousens said they need people to come to the meetings to participate and give ideas not just help at events. He thinks people need to be members of the committee to help at events. Town Clerk Hoyt said they do need people to come to the meetings because they must vote on things.

Financial Report: Ms. Kenney said she needs to update the Golf Tournament balance sheet. Ms. Kenney mentioned that Salisbury put on the Boscawen Facebook page that they were looking for people to be in their parade. She suggested Boscawen asks local towns if they want to join the Boscawen parade.

Electing Chair & Vice Chair:

Mr. Cousens nominated Ms. Polly Dawson as Chair of the OHD Committee. Seconded by Ms. Kenney. All in favor. None opposed.

Mr. Cousens doesn't want to be Vice Chair. Ms. Kenney also doesn't want to be Vice Chair. They will leave the position vacant.

New Business: Ms. Adele Sanborn from Twiggs Gallery said they always try to do something special for OHD. This year they are doing an art show based on wool. They want to make cutout sheep just like the cows and hearts they have done in the past. Ms. Sanborn doesn't think they could do it without fundraising because wood is expensive right now. Mr. Roger Sanborn asked Ross Express and Big Jim's for donations. They are both interested but they haven't heard back. Ms. Sanborn also doesn't think they could sell the cutouts for \$5 a piece. She is asking the committee for ideas and wanted them to be aware of their plan. Ex-Officio Matthew Burdick checked at Elektrisola, and the wood pieces are a quarter inch thick. He said the structure wouldn't last long if people wanted to display them long term. Ms. Sanborn spoke with someone at Belletetes and Advantech, used for subflooring, would be just as sufficient as plywood and cost around \$45 a piece. They can make 2 sheep out of one 4x8 sheet. Ms. Sanborn asked the OHD committee if there was something they wanted to fundraise for. Chair Dawson said the Golf Tournament and BINGO were used for fundraising for OHD. Chair Dawson likes the idea of selling sheep cutouts. Ms. Sanborn also noted they wanted to tie into the history of Boscawen. At one time, Boscawen was one of the largest sheep herds in New England. Mr. Jeff Abbe will be cutting out the sheep for no additional cost. They will be selling 30 cutouts. Ms. Sanborn said they plan to have the cutouts displayed on Twiggs field by June 25th. The cutouts are called 'Flashy Flocks'. People can purchase a cutout for \$10/piece, decorate and display them on their property. They will keep email contact, so they know which addresses have sheep. They discussed applying for a grant to fund the cutouts. Ms. Kenney said Franklin Savings Bank does grants for community projects. The grants are \$1,000 but the deadline to apply is June 1st. The committee is not a non-profit. No Town committee is classified as a non-profit and therefore wouldn't qualify for the grant. Ms. Julie Fournier suggested partnering with the Historical Society because they are a nonprofit. The Historical Society partnered with the Town Pound Restoration recently. They are the fiduciary for the project. The Historical Society can educate the public about the history of sheep and mills. Ms. Fournier is a member of the society. Originally, Ms. Sanborn was thinking of having 30 sheep at \$43.40 a piece, roughly \$1,314. Town Clerk Nicole Hoyt suggested 3-quarter, 4x8 sheets of Advantech at Lowe's for \$37.99. For 15 sheets of wood, it would be \$555. It would cost \$20/sheep including the wood and primer, a total of \$600. They decided not to include stakes because they haven't in previous years. Ms. Sanborn is worried that if they let too much time go by, Mr. Abbe won't have enough time to cut them out. Ex-Officio Burdick added that inflation will continue to rise as they wait. Ms. Fournier suggested asking for a donation from Huckleberry Oil. Ms. Kenney said Huckleberry is a major sponsor of the Golf Tournament. She also noted that Ross Express donates \$100 to the golf tournament and years ago they donated \$2,000 for the Redsox's. Big Jim's is not currently a sponsor. Ms. Kenney suggested the committee donate \$600 to cover the cost. The money earned from the sheep would be donated back to the committee.

Ms. Kenney motioned to approve donating \$600 to Twiggs Gallery to cover the cost of the sheep, but the money collected for the cost of the sheep comes back to the Old Home Day Committee. Seconded by Mr. Cousens. All in favor. None opposed.

Chair Dawson said they want to have a theme idea around sheep for OHD. Ms. Sanborn will figure out the final numbers to make sure Lowe's is accurate and then send the finalization to the committee. Town Administrator Katie Phelps would write the check out to Twiggs Gallery. Town Clerk Hoyt said if Lowe's falls through, her husband works at Jackson Lumber. They can check

pricing out there. Ms. Sanborn said on June 25th they will be having an art fest. They will have 8 to 10 tents of craftsman selling their work. The Flashy Flock will be in the field with demonstrations. Last year's art fest was very successful. Twiggs will advertise on the Boscawen Facebook page and the Town website. Mr. Cousens will write an article for the Newsvine. Ms. Sanborn wants to find a way to add history to each sheep cutout to explain the agricultural side of Boscawen. Ms. Fournier said they have a logbook that lists all the owners of the sheep. Each farm would have a notch on the ear of the sheep. Ms. Fournier suggested having a special mark on the ear of each cutout they sell and list them. She thinks if Twiggs, OHD and the Historical Society partner up, they could make it a fun, educational project for the public. Ms. Kenney asked if someone would be willing to talk to classes at Boscawen Elementary School, about the history around May or June. Ms. Fournier said Ms. Elaine Cloud may be interested. Ms. Kenney said, she could create a schedule for the different grades. Chair Dawson will email Mike Nawoj to connect with the Historical Society first. She is going to try to attend their next meeting.

Yard Sale: Chair Dawson sent a flyer to Community Services Director Sarah Gerlack to post regarding the yard sale. Ex-Officio Burdick said after Town Meeting they discussed having committees set up their own area in the hallway. Town Clerk Hoyt said only one person said they are going to have something at a table. If she gets a heads up, she can make space. CS Director Gerlack said there was a problem with the copyright of the picture on the flyer, but she will fix it and repost tomorrow. Ms. Kenney said they are getting pizza to sell at the yard sale. They will call if they need more. She will also see if the school would be willing to accept baked goods for the yard sale. She said they can either drop it off the morning of the yard sale or they can bring it to school, and she will pick them up. Chair Dawson will be getting water, ice, and soda. Ms. Kenney said Chief Kenney is allowing them to use the tables. They will use his truck to get the tables there. Ex-Officio Burdick thinks he can do a google map and have it all pinned for them. They would list the addresses underneath. It would take him around 2 days to make the map. Town Clerk Hoyt said CS Director Gerlack can post the flyer once it's updated. They want the sign on King St. to read 'Town Wide Yard Sale, with signs up at Town Office'. The date would be May 21st from 9am to 2pm. Ex-Officio Burdick said he would need all the registrations by May 14th, so he has time to do the map. Once he completes them, he would send them to CS Director Gerlack so they can post them to the Town page and Facebook page. They can also print some copies for Town office. Ms. Lacey will ask the Library Trustees if they can put a sign out front to promote the yard sale.

Chair Dawson asked if Conservation Commission was doing anything this year for Town Forest. Ms. Kenney asked Chair Dawson because she wants to bring back Fire Musters into OHD. They used to hold it on Church Field, and it was fun to watch. Chief Kenney already mentioned it to the firefighters. Fire Musters would have to be on a Sunday afternoon because they are on the field all day Saturday. She thought Conservation took walks through the Town Forest on Sunday. She will try to find out if any events would conflict.

Ex-Officio Burdick said Elektrisola wants to do their race night on a Friday instead of a Tuesday. They think they will get more runners on a Friday. The committee has no issue switching their night to a Friday.

Golf Tournament: Ms. Kenney will be contacting all the teams in the beginning of April to see how many spots they have available. She will prep for the raffle around June or July. The

sponsorship letter will go out in June. Her only concern is that she wants Den Brae to have a spot. She is not golfing because she wants to help with other things during the event. She thinks every team will come back. She asked if they could do 19 teams. Mr. Cousens thinks they managed 18 teams well last year and it was even. Ms. Kenney suggested calling Den Brae and asking if 19 teams would make a difference in when they finish. They have never had more than 18 teams before. If they had 19 teams, they would have 3 teams on one hole. They will continue to discuss this concern.

Old Home Day: Town Administrator Katie Phelps sent an email regarding proof of liability insurance for at the fields. Ms. Kenney said TA Phelps told her the character person, Erica, who previously performed in OHD, doesn't have insurance. TA Phelps is going to bring it to the Select Board. She thinks maybe the smaller vendors didn't need insurance. Ms. Kenney said the Balloon Twisters had insurance. The character person is ready, but they need to take care of the insurance first. The balloon twister will be back as well as his wife except she will be doing airbrush tattoos this year. Ms. Kenney called the bungee people, but they aren't open during this season. She will keep calling them. She hasn't called anyone else about a bounce house yet because the bungee people usually can do a deal. Ms. Kenney is rethinking the water slide. She is plans to do Touch-A-Truck again. She is thinking of having two performers this year to balance their time. They would have the first show from 1:30pm to 2:30pm and the second performance would be from 4pm to 5pm after everything is shut down. Chair Dawson asked about music at night. Ms. Kenney will contact Ms. Laura Lane to ask about Liz Kantz performing. Ex-Officio Burdick has a connection to Ms. Kantz and will ask about her performing on the 27th. They would want her to perform from 7pm to 9pm. Ms. Kenney is looking to get a puppet person for the kid's entertainment. She contacted 'Silly Sally's' out of Boston for \$425. They have other sources of entertainment so Ms. Kenney may try to get both entertainers through them. She is thinking of a puppet person and a magician. Mr. Cousens said they could ask the guy at the Hatbox Theatre. Mr. Cousens will contact the Theatre to see what their prices are. Ms. Kenney also wants to get the Parks & Rec program involved. She wanted to ask Lori Cronan if kids would want to be involved by creating games to put in the field such as ring toss and maintaining them during OHD. The committee would have to provide the prizes. There would be no money involved. Ms. Kenney would also like food trucks. The food trucks would rent their own spot. Ms. Kenney will research food trucks, and they will discuss more at next meeting. Ex-Officio Burdick will also gather information from someone he knows on availability and what they could offer. August 1st is the deadline to have all contracts in for Old Home Day.

Town Clerk Hoyt said the Rules of Procedure was approved last week and the members signed it.

Next meeting:

Monday, April 18th, 2022 @ 6:00PM

Mr. Cousens motioned to adjourn at 7:28pm. Seconded by Ms. Kenney. All in favor. None opposed.

Respectfully submitted by Hannah Gardner