

**Town of Boscawen
Old Home Day
Boscawen Municipal Complex
Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 18th, 2022, at 6:00 PM**

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

Excused: Laura Lane, Lori Bernard

Guests: Elisha Wilson

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

Roll call completed by Chair Dawson.

Minutes: Ms. Beverly Lacey requested one change, line 102, change ‘Cloud’ to ‘Clow’.

Mr. Lyman Cousens motioned to approve the 03.21.22 OHD draft minutes as amended. Seconded by Ms. Lacey. All in favor. None opposed.

New Business: Chair Dawson spoke with Ms. Laura Lane, and she does not want to be an OHD committee member anymore. Chair Dawson will send her a thank you card for her time. Mr. Cousens asked if her resignation needs to be approved by the Select Board. Town Clerk Nicole Hoyt said she will check when Ms. Lane’s term is up. Town Clerk Hoyt will contact her if she needs to resign. Ms. Lori Bernard would still like to be an OHD member but couldn’t attend tonight’s meeting.

Yard Sale: Chair Dawson said they need addresses for the map. Seven people have signed up and nine people have paid to put their house on the map. They posted the flyer on the Town website. It will also be in the Newsvine this upcoming week and displayed in the municipal building foyer. Ms. Kim Kenney will draft something to promote at the school. The date remains the same, held on May 21st, from 9am to 2pm. Ms. Kenney will get the pizza and Chief Kenney is helping with tables. Chair Dawson will get the water, ice, and soda. Ex-Officio Matthew Burdick will put together the maps.

Golf Tournament: Ms. Kenney hasn’t contacted any of the previous year golf teams but will have by next meeting. Mr. Cousens put a piece in the Newsvine. He didn’t include registration so they can see if previous golf teams fill up first. Ms. Kenney asked if they should keep the registration fee \$90. The committee decided to keep it at \$90 to register.

Old Home Day: Ms. Kenney secured some entertainment for OHD. She said they had issues due to the rules changing on liability insurance, it is now required. Due to the requirement, some past entertainers couldn’t commit again. Ms. Kenney was able to secure a caricature person, Erica. She also negotiated a better deal with the balloon twister and his wife who will be doing airbrush

tattoos. They agreed on \$650 total for both and they will take a break during the performance from 1:30pm to 2:15pm. She emailed them to send their contracts and they should be sending them in soon. Ms. Kenney also reached out to a storyteller named Big Joe. He uses puppets and would suit the younger crowd better with his energy. He would be the 1:30pm show and costs \$400. Ms. Kenney emailed him, per his request but has yet to hear back from him. She will call to see if he is still interested and if not, she will reach out to the magician at Hatbox Theatre in Concord. Mr. Cousens said the magician puts on a show every six months at the theater, but he also performs in Claremont and other various areas. Mr. Cousens is concerned about the cost being too expensive. Mr. Cousens will get the magicians contact information. Ms. Kenney also secured Gertie who will be bringing her van and setting up a table where kids can create their own necklaces and bracelets to take home. She will also have a photo booth set up. Gertie will charge for the photo booth but not the jewelry making. Ms. Kenney was able to negotiate a price with Gertie that was within the OHD budget. Ex-Officio Burdick is working on securing food trucks. Ms. Kenney wants one of the trucks to be snow cones. They agreed on four to five food trucks. Ms. Kenney wants food trucks to be down by the tennis court and possibly the Dorval House. The entertainers would be in the middle of the Little League baseball field with everything else on the perimeter of the field. Touch-a-Truck would be on the perimeter of the field just like it was pre-COVID. Ms. Kenney hasn't called about bounce houses yet, but she wants to. She also tried to get a petting zoo but one of her connections no longer had one and when she reached out to others, it was too expensive. Ms. Elisha Wilson suggested reaching out to Reptiles on the Move. Ms. Kenney knows them and may reach out to them. Ms. Kenney wants to ensure with any place they choose, that the animals are being thought of as well, such as it being too hot for them and making it a safe environment for them. They will still have games such as tossing a bean bag in the hole to win a prize. Ms. Kenney budgeted \$300 worth of prizes from Oriental Trader. There are games in the shed and Ms. Kenney is going to encourage Lori at the Park Program to let kids create their own games. The kids would set it up and run it during OHD. Chair Dawson will send pictures of the games in the shed. Ms. Kenney was going to get refrigerator boxes and have the kids paint the background so they can display the game and rules. They aren't going to do the bungee jumping. They want OHD to be family oriented. Ms. Kenney asked if Liz has written up a contract. Ex-Officio Burdick will talk to her about writing one. She would be performing at home plate from 6:30 to 8:30pm for \$250. Ex-Officio Burdick asked what they would want to charge food trucks. He suggested \$50 to \$100 a spot. The committee agreed on \$50 a spot. Chair Dawson thinks they should make a down payment to secure the spot. If they don't make a lot of money, she wouldn't mind giving them back the deposit for traveling. Town Clerk Hoyt said they could authorize Ex-Officio Burdick for a deposit so he can hold a truck and come back with options. Ex-Officio Burdick said they need to know if they want the food trucks for the lunch or dinner hours. The food trucks would make the most money towards dinner hours because of the fireworks. The last show would be 4pm to 5pm latest. The fireworks usually end around 9:30pm. Ex-Officio Burdick suggested having the food trucks from 4:30pm to 9:30pm so it is between the last show and fireworks. Festivities will start at noon. She also said they have permission to use the school if it rains. The food trucks would be cancelled but the performers can still participate. The face painter, balloon twister, caricature person and Gertie would be sent up in the cafeteria. The performances would be in the gym. The fireworks would be rescheduled to Sunday. Ms. Kenney suggested having the food trucks come Sunday if it rains. She could also ask Liz to come from 6 to 9pm on Sunday and they could advertise it as a concert in the park with fireworks. Town Clerk Hoyt suggested having some food trucks during the day with main food trucks at night. Ms. Kenney would be fine with just snow

cones during the day. Ex-Officio Burdick will talk to Josh at the Smoke Shack because he may participate and has other connections.

Mr. Cousens asked how the Elektrisola race was progressing. Ex-Officio Burdick doesn't have an update. He said they were excited it was on a Friday instead.

Chair Dawson said she needs to be approved for a budget for the parade. She usually spends \$2,000 total which includes the little cars, trucks, and clowns.

Mr. Cousens motioned to approve Chair Dawson to budget up to \$2,000 for the parade. Seconded by Ms. Lacey. All in favor. None opposed.

Mr. Cousens said Ms. Adele Sanborn has handled everything with the sheep cutouts. The Agricultural Commission votes on the sheep cutouts. Town Clerk Hoyt thought Ms. Sanborn didn't want the voting. She wanted to stick to the educational portion for kids. Chair Dawson spoke with Ms. Elaine Clow, and she does not want to participate in educating at the schools. She said she would provide the committee with information on the history. Mr. Cousens said they can leave it up to Ms. Sanborn on what she wants to do. Chair Dawson said Ms. Sanborn would like to be involved in the whole week of OHD.

Chair Dawson needs to decide on a theme for OHD. She wanted to incorporate the sheep. Her two ideas are 'Boscawen Ewe are Welcome' or Boscawen Ewe Belong'. Ms. Kenney said it is hard to base floats on a theme. She asked if the floats must be about the sheep. Chair Dawson said if they make the theme sheep, the floats should correlate. Mr. Cousens suggested making a list of all the ideas they talked about tonight. The committee will vote on a theme next meeting.

Next meeting:

Monday, May 16th, 2022 @ 6:00PM

Mr. Cousens motioned to adjourn at 7:00pm. Seconded by Ms. Kenney. All in favor. None opposed.

Respectfully submitted by Hannah Gardner