

**Town of Boscawen
Old Home Day
Boscawen Municipal Complex
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 18th, 2023, at 6:00 PM**

Present: Polly Dawson - Chair, Kim Kenney, Gary Tillman, Matthew Burdick– Ex-Officio & Kate Merrill-Finance Director

Absent: Beverly Lacey & Lyman Cousens

Guests: Adele Sanborn, Tama Tillman & Rick Muthersbaugh-Vertical Entertainment

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

Roll call completed by Chair Dawson.

Minutes:

Mr. Gary Tillman motioned to approve the 10.17.22 Old Home Day draft minutes as presented. Seconded by Chair Polly Dawson. All in favor. None opposed.

Financial Reports: The Committee reviewed the 2023 Old Home Day budget that was approved by the Select Board. For the 2022 Golf Tournament, the Committee made a profit of \$5,357 after expenses. Ms. Kenney's budget for entertainment in 2023 will be \$6,000.

Mr. Tillman motioned to approve the Financial Report as presented through 01.18.23 and move it to the Budget Committee for approval. Seconded by Ms. Kenney. All in favor. None opposed.

Mr. Tillman motioned to approve the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Sheet as presented. Seconded by Ms. Kenney. All in favor. None opposed.

Regular Business: Ms. Adele Sanborn from Twiggs Art Gallery, presented their preliminary event ideas. This year, Twiggs would like to make the Flashy Flock cutouts into chickens. Last year they made 25 but this year the goal is 50 cutouts. Ms. Sanborn reached out to Mr. Jeff Abbe about cutting the wood. If he is not interested, Ms. Sanborn has another person interested in helping. The cutouts would be the same size as this year's sheep but vertical. Registration forms will be emailed on May 20th. On August 20th, Twiggs would like to have a Fish and Game or Falcon demonstration. Mr. Tillman said the Agricultural Committee discussed holding the Draft Horses event and Fish and Game demonstrations at Mr. Sanborn's house on King St, the morning of OHD, 8:30am to 10:30am. Ms. Sanborn was unaware of the discussion. The Committee will discuss the matter further and update Ms. Sanborn on their decision. During the week of OHD, Twiggs would like Avaloch Farm to come in. They also had an idea to hold an introduction demonstration on raising chickens at home or building a coop. They have not decided on the day because they don't want to overlap OHD events. Ms. Kim Kenney suggested

having the introduction class on Thursday. It will not interfere with the Golf Tournament and will attract a different crowd. On Sunday, August 27th, Twiggs will hold their monthly poetry and pie group from 1 to 3pm. Ms. Sanborn noted Twiggs will be holding an all-day event on June 17th, but they have not decided on what it will entail.

Mr. Rick Muthersbaugh from Vertical Entertainment presented his services to the Committee as an option for OHD activities. He provides bounce houses, inflatable obstacle courses, rock climbing, water slides, bungee jumping, dry slides, and many more games. Mr. Muthersbaugh has been in business for over 20 years. Ms. Kenney noted the Town is not allowed to have bouncy houses at OHD, per the insurance company contract. Mr. Muthersbaugh asked if Primex would allow inflatable obstacle courses. They would need to consult with Primex. Mr. Muthersbaugh noted that he works with various towns and schools that are insured with Primex and allow bounce houses. Discussion ensued. Mr. Muthersbaugh has his own liability insurance and would be willing to submit any necessary documentation. Ms. Kenney would be interested in exploring the other entertainment options. Mr. Muthersbaugh will send FD Merrill a list of the services he provides, and she will submit them to Primex for review on what would be covered. Mr. Muthersbaugh suggested having a casino night to fundraise for the activities at OHD. One of his services is a casino night, with fake money. They bring in the tables, dealers and chips and it gives the town an opportunity to raise money for OHD. Ms. Kenney asked if he gives discounts for buying more than one service. Mr. Muthersbaugh would be open to discussing discounts. Ms. Kenney asked when they would set up. Mr. Muthersbaugh would work with the Committee on the logistics to ensure the set up runs smoothly.

New Business: Chair Dawson asked when they could get the money for the fireworks. FD Merrill said they won't receive funds until after Town Meeting. The Budget Committee will make their recommendations on February 2nd. FD Merrill noted the OHD Committee has a request for the Budget Committee. She suggested another committee member attend to answer any questions. Mr. Tillman said they have \$3,000 budgeted for fireworks right now. FD Merrill clarified that there are two different firework budgets. The OHD budget is for administrative purposes only so the committee has a guideline. In addition, the committee requests additional funds from the Select Board. Discussion ensued.

Chair Dawson noted the next event is the yard sale on May 20th.

Ms. Kenney asked when she could reach out to the Vertical Entertainment company. FD Merrill will email Primex tomorrow with the list of services. She noted that services are covered dependent on what is written in the town's contract. Ex-Officio Matt Burdick said the utilization of services would need to be approved by the Select Board.

The Committee discussed different ideas for OHD. Some ideas were a photo booth or DJ. Ms. Kenney said they need to look at the budget and assess the amount of people. She would like to have events for all age groups. Ms. Kenney would be open to having an assistant to help organize the entertainment. Ms. Tama Tillman volunteered to help with any indoor activities. Ex-Officio Burdick will be in charge of organizing the food trucks again. The Junkyard Dogs reached out in October asking if the town was interested in having them again. Ex-Officio Burdick will touch base with them and has also been trying to contact Friends 4 Oba. Ex-Officio

Burdick noted they never received the \$100 check for the truck fee. This year there will be a different dessert alternative.

Mr. Tillman presented a request on behalf of the Agricultural Commission. At their meeting, they discussed holding the Draft Horse event on OHD at Sanborn's Farm from 8:30am to 10:30am. They discussed having demonstrations about poultry and wildlife from Fish and Game. Mr. Tillman said the OHD Committee would need to approve holding the event on OHD. Chair Dawson noted the parade starts at 11am. The people in the parade start lining up at 10:00am. FD Merrill said last year people who came to watch the parade, came early because parking gets crowded. FD Merrill said Ms. Sanborn suggested August 20th for a Falcon and Fish and Game demonstration. They plan to judge the Flashy Flock cutouts on OHD. Ms. Kenney suggested having Ms. Sanborn hold the Avaloch Farm and chicken coop demonstration on Thursday, August 24th so that Wednesday is free. Mr. Tillman said the Falcon demonstration cannot be at night. Discussion ensued. The Committee will make a decision at the next meeting.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, February 22nd, 2023, @ 6:00pm.

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

Respectfully submitted by Hannah Gardner