

**Town of Boscawen  
Old Home Day  
Boscawen Municipal Complex  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, March 15, 2021 at 6:00 PM**

Present: Polly Dawson - Chair, Lori Bernard, Laura Lane, Kim Kenney, Lyman Cousens  
Excused: Rhoda Bergeron, Beverly Lacey, Susan Dukette & Lorrie Carey – Ex-Officio  
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 a correction in line 48 to remove the word “via”.
- Lorrie Carey requests a correction in line 55 to change the word “hold” to “holding”.
- Lorrie Carey requests a correction in line 85 to change the word “has” to “have.”
- Lorrie Carey requests a correction in line 91 to insert the word “Town” before the word “budget”.

**January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021– Lori Bernard motioned to accept the minutes as amended. Seconded by Kim Kenney. All in favor. None Opposed.**

**Financial Report:**

Chair Dawson stated the financial report hasn't changed but they did include January through December profit and loss statements from last year.

**Lyman Cousens motion to accept the financial report through 03.15.21. Seconded by Laura Lane. All in favor. None Opposed.**

Chair Dawson read an email from Lorrie Carey as it stated the update on Town Hall reopening. The Board and the Emergency Management department has determined that departments can open by appointment with individuals wearing masks and following CDC guidelines. Gathering places in Town are not yet open and the Town Hall will not likely be available due to the

substantial amount of repair and infrastructure work needed. The Fire Department building may be available this Summer with reduce capacity based on input from the EMD. The Town Administrator has concerns on doing virtual BINGO due to the licensing with the State. As the COVID cases are decreasing, it is hopeful we can have a limited Old Homes Day event in the Summer.

### **BINGO:**

Mr. Cousens said they don't need a license for BINGO. Chair Dawson said for in person BINGO they don't need a license but for virtual BINGO she isn't sure. Ms. Laura Lane said virtual BINGO would be different because in the past they sold meals, but they didn't pay for the cards. She said for virtual BINGO people would be paying for the cards. She suggested having people still buy the meals and the Committee would just be providing the 'entertainment' virtually. Ms. Kenney thinks BINGO is a lot to undertake especially if they plan to incorporate meals. They would have to find a place to hand out the meals. She is concerned about attendance, how to give out prizes and if it's worth it if the purpose is to bring people together. Ms. Lori Bernard agreed with Ms. Kenney that it would be a lot to take on. She said the Committee should wait for now until they know more from the State. Mr. Cousens mentioned holding it at the wedding venue in Town. Ms. Kenney will check with Katie Phelps on the availability.

### **Old Home Day:**

Ms. Kim Kenney has contacted the balloon twister, face painter and character person from last year. They are all willing to come back if OHD committee is given the 'go'. She also contacted the rattle box person (singer & dancer) for entertainment. He is also interested in coming back. The bungee people said as of right now they can't commit to anything because if a lot of community activities go on and she knows they will have permanent dates they would purchase the insurance but as of now they don't have enough events for it to be worth it. Kim Kenney will call back in June. The waterslide people have not contacted Kim Kenney back yet but as of now they aren't taking reservations. The bounce houses will have to wait until June. If the Select board wanted to do a modified Old Homes Day, Ms. Kenney suggested doing three shows for the kids. We would have to get two more entertainers which costs between \$300-\$400 per show. She suggested running shows at 1pm, 3pm and 5pm. We could set up chairs, so people are spaced apart. There would be time in between shows to clean the seats. Ms. Kenney suggested Liz Kantz and her band for adult entertainment. Ms. Kenney has kept fireworks into the plan but as of now she isn't sure what the board will say. If the Select Board decides they can't do anything, Ms. Kenney suggested a Town Scavenger Hunt. If the Select Board doesn't come up with a solution, Ms. Kenney has committed to research what other towns have done and putting together something for that day even if were not all together.

### **Golf Tournament:**

Ms. Kenney and Tracey Hutkins are organizing the Golf Tournament. She asked Mr. Lyman Cousens to send a calendar stating when each task needs to be done by in preparation. Chair Dawson stated Mr. Cousens sent her a day-by-day preparation sheet that she will send to Ms. Kenney. Mr. Cousens said the Golf course reserved the day for August 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Next meeting:**

Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 6:00PM

**Lori Bernard motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Kim Kenney. All in favor. None opposed.**

*Respectfully submitted by, Hannah Gardner*