

**Town of Boscawen  
Old Home Day  
Boscawen Municipal Complex  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:00 PM**

Present: Polly Dawson - Chair, Lori Bernard, Laura Lane, Kim Kenney, Lyman Cousens & Matthew Burdick– Ex-Officio

Excused: Rhoda Bergeron, Beverly Lacey & Susan Dukette

Others Present: Hannah Gardner- Recording Secretary & Nicole Hoyt

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:**

**March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021– Lyman Cousens motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Kim Kenney. All in favor. None opposed.**

**Financial Report:**

Chair Dawson stated the financial report through 04.19.21 shows no loss or gain in money. The totals assets as of 04.19.21 are \$26,255.21.

**Lori Bernard motioned to accept the financial report through 04.19.21. Seconded by Laura Lane. All in favor. None opposed.**

**BINGO:**

No 2021 BINGO. The Committee needs to find a place to hold 2022 BINGO.

**Old Home Day:**

Ms. Kim Kenney stated at the Select board meeting, they decided to do a middle of the road Old Home Day. The parade was approved. Chair Polly Dawson hopes to get the parade together, but it could be difficult with Merrimack Valley. They are getting a new band director and she isn't sure on COVID rules within the schools. The Old Home Day down at the park would have entertainers at 1PM, 3PM and 5PM. She suggested having a musician at 1PM, a bike stunt person at 3PM and a juggler at 5PM. The juggler she previously contacted dealt with fire, so she

said no. She is still working on getting a juggler. The character and face painter can't be in it because of COVID rules and procedures. When shows are going on the only people, they would invite is the balloon twisters. She reached out to Mr. D, the balloon twister. She also suggested giving out packaged ice cream to the kids as they leave the shows. The fireworks were approved. Social distancing and masks are required. If the Town were in a drought, the fireworks would have to be cancelled. She asked Ms. Laura Lane if she could contact Liz and her band to see if she would be interested in performing. Ms. Lane said she isn't available that day, she may be performing at a wedding. Ms. Kenney will search for other possibly performers. Ms. Lane will double check with Liz. Ms. Kenney suggested to Ms. Lane to consider people from her local mic night.

**Chair Polly Dawson motioned to accept the plans for Old Home Day. Seconded by Ms. Lori Bernard. All in favor. None opposed.**

### **Golf Tournament:**

Ms. Kenney stated they are going to start reaching out to sponsors and they hope to have a minimum of 15 teams. She already started reaching out to old teams for last year to have them verbally commit. Four teams have verbally stated they want to join again. She wants to reach out to all 13 teams from last year a chance to have a spot. Mr. Lyman Cousens is going to make sure everything is on track and help with the Electra sola piece. Tracy Hutkins and Katie Phelps both have committed to helping. Paula Dill Scribens reached out to Ms. Kenney about helping out. Paula runs 5 different golf tournaments for Brady. Ms. Kenney is hoping by the end of April, 10 teams will be committed. They also talked about doing a 50/50 raffle and getting 3 door prizes that no one has to buy a ticket for. Last year, the teachers from Boscawen Elementary school, the Boscawen Fire Department and the Town office were all sponsored. She suggested asking the select men for sponsorship.

**Chair Dawson motioned to accept the plans for the Golf Tournament. Seconded by Mr. Cousens. All in favor. None opposed.**

### **New Business:**

- Chair Dawson has been asked by the Church to put forward a request to the Selectmen to discuss what is going to happen to the Town Hall. She asked the Committee to allow her to represent them at any meetings they have. She stated they use the Town Hall for BINGO. Even if they can't use the kitchen, they can still use it for BINGO because all of the table and chairs are down there. Mr. Matthew Burdick stated the office is closed right now. He is unsure if they have any intentions of opening it right off, they may have to find an alternate place to hold BINGO, if it's even an option. Chair Dawson stated they want to maintain the Town Hall for BINGO of 2022 rather than use it for storage. Ms. Kenney stated she was at a Select Board meeting in which they stated the cost of fixing the Town Hall to make it a safe place to use was so high. They determined they weren't going to open it even if the kitchen isn't open. She thinks they stated the stairs aren't safe as well as the floors. Mr. Burdick clarified it is the overall safety of the facility. Chair Dawson asked if anyone could use the facility. Mr. Burdick said not at this point. Ms. Nicole Hoyt asked when the listen session was next week. Ms. Lane clarified it will be on Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Chair Dawson can't attend the session. Ms. Lane stated there will

be another one May 6<sup>th</sup>. Chair Dawson will try to attend this meeting. Chair Dawson asked if the Committee wants to fight to keep the facility open. Ms. Lane stated the chairs aren't theirs, they were donated. Ms. Kenney would like to find a place to do BINGO, but she also doesn't want to use an unsafe building. Chair Dawson wants to hear who said it's unsafe and why. They have been using the facility for years and the stairs haven't changed. Mr. Cousens approved Chair Dawson representing the Old Home Day committed during the May 6<sup>th</sup> session.

- **Election of New Chair:** Ms. Lori Bernard nominated Chair Dawson to stay as Chair. Ms. Lane nominated Ms. Kenney. Ms. Kenney nominated Mr. Lyman Cousens as Vice Chair.

**Ms. Bernard motioned to nominate Chair Dawson to continue as Chair for the Old Home Day Committee. Seconded by Ms. Kenney. All in favor. None opposed.**

**Ms. Kenney motioned to nominate Mr. Cousens as Vice Chair of the Old Home Day Committee. Seconded by Ms. Lane. All in favor. None opposed.**

- **Rules and Procedures:** Chair Dawson asked the Committee to review the rules and procedures for next meeting. The members will present any modifications necessary. At the next meeting they will make motions to accept any changes. Ms. Kenney referenced the general procedures and asked if they should select a Vice Chair for the Committee. Under officers, under rules and procedures it states, "Vice Chair shall be selected at the first meeting after Town Meeting".

**Next meeting:**

Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 6:00PM

**Lori Bernard motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Chair Dawson. All in favor. None opposed.**

*Respectfully submitted by Hannah Gardner*