

Town of Boscawen
Old Home Day
Meeting Minutes - FINAL
Municipal Office Complex
October 21, 2019 6:00 pm

Members Present: Polly Dawson – President, Kim Kenney, Rhoda Bergeron, Laura Lane, Bev Lacoy and Lorrie Carey – Ex-Officio, Sue Kilgus (by phone)

Members Absent: Lori Bernard, Lyman Cousens

Others Present: Susan Dukette

Polly Dawson called the meeting to order at 6:06pm.

Review and Acceptance of Prior Meeting Minutes:

The Committee reviewed the meeting minutes from September 16, 2019. A few corrections were suggested. **Motion to approve the minutes as amended made by Bev Lacoy, seconded by Laura Lane. All in favor.**

Financial Report:

Members reviewed and discussed the balance sheet, profit and loss statement, and detailed reports of all checks written from and deposits made to the Old Home Day account this fiscal year to date. **Motion to accept the financial report made by Laura Lane, seconded by Lorrie Carey. All in favor.**

Bingo:

Polly Dawson distributed potential dates for Bingo for 2020. Committee discussed the dates. Previously for turkey dinners members brought in food they prepared from home. There are 60-70 people typically served. Pizza, soups/stews, casserole and taco bar suggested as ideas for food. **Motion to approve Bingo dates of January 11th (Backup Date January 25th), February 15th (Backup Date February 29th), March 14th, March 28th, and April 18th made by Lorrie Carey, seconded by Kim Kenney. All in favor.**

Old Home Day 2020:

Committee members discussed a railroad theme for the 2020 Old Home Day. Lorrie said that there is a railroad hobby group that may be able to meet with the Committee. Also, they are working on a kiosk for the old bridge down at Jamie Welch Park and maybe they could have a ribbon cutting ceremony during Old Home Day. The Gerrish Station down by the nursing home just received a grant to be refurbished.

Kim Kenney asked the Committee when she could begin reserving entertainment for next year's Old Home Day. There is water entertainment she'd like to secure for next year. Also, Blast Party Rentals was great to work with. The date for Old Home Day will be August 22, 2020. Kim mentioned that the 1:00pm and 3:00pm shows were successful but feels that they should change up the entertainment. Kim would like a juggler and a puppeteer show. Lorrie mentioned that

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ideally Alan would like to see contracts by January and February. Committee discussed fireworks and getting an early start on next year. Kim suggested a regular display instead of the bigger display. Polly will take the lead on fireworks. Kim is going to try get Don and Donna back for face painting and balloon twisting. Kim will contact Linda Weiser to see if she can do caricatures.

Committee will re-visit the quantity of tables needed for under the tent. There were 12 set up to sit and eat and there were a bunch left over.

Craft Fair:

The Craft Fair is scheduled for November 23rd and will be held at Abbott Downing School. Polly discussed food ideas. There will be no access to the kitchen so they'll need to bring water bottles. There will be chili, broccoli cheddar soup, hot dogs, etc. There will be a cookie walk and raffle. Kim Kenney will organize raffle table and will contact Melissa Daigle for assistance. Committee discussed the procedure for the raffle last year. Signs need to be put out a week before. They need transportation to take things to the school. The school isn't available until 6pm the Friday before the event. Larry G. plans to be Santa again. No last minute craft additions. Lorrie Carey mentioned that any craft fairs she's been to cooks hot dogs in a crockpot immersed in water.

Polly noted that someone should start the coffee, turn on crockpots and start hot dogs early that morning. This will ensure that there is hot food by 10:30am. Cleanup on Saturday will include peeling off tape from the floors, putting things back where they were, loading up cars and returning items to storage. Sunday will include picking up signs.

Lyman was unable to attend the meeting due to another commitment but Polly mentioned that they may not do the golf tournament next year.

Sue Kilgus joined the conversation by telephone. Committee discussed the Merrimack Valley Band selling Krispy Kreme donuts at the event. They are raising money for Disney. Lorrie will reach out to the band to see if they are even interested in doing it. Discussion ensued regarding roles for different members for the event and set up. Raffle procedure discussed. Sue will be there between 6:30-7:00am on Saturday morning.

Katie Phelps advertised the Rafael Devers autograph raffle as well as the craft fair on the Town's Facebook page. Committee members can make cookies or soup for the craft fair. After November 2nd Kim Kenney will send out a notice to the school for cookies. She will also ask her Bingo bakers if they are able to do cookies.

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Bev Lacoy was approached by Sally Silver with the US Census who was wondering if she could set up a table at Bingo and the craft fair. Polly asked when they start doing the census. Bev says they are doing it now. They are having trouble recruiting people to do it. Her card was provided to the Committee for follow-up.

Lorrie asked if the Committee wanted her to follow-up with the Board of Selectmen on the money situation for the craft fair. Discussion ensued. Two people count the money and it will be dropped off at the police department to put in the safe.

Motion to adjourn made by Lorrie Carey and seconded by Bev Lacoy. All in favor, none opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

The next meeting of the Old Home Day Committee will be November 18, 2019 at 6:00pm at the Boscawen Municipal Complex – 4th floor meeting room.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Katie Phelps