

# Old Home Day Minutes - January 26, 2020

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 1:00 pm

**Committee Members Present:** Haley Bush Co-Chair, Barbara Kiszka Secretary, John Blinn (Selectman rep), Julian Kiszka (Selectman alternate), Bob Fairhurst (Lion's rep), Beth Tilton

**Committee Members Absent:** Tammy Bergeron Vice Chair, Derek Travers (PFD Rep), MaxAnn Dobson, Tracy Fuller, Jon Gifford, Michelle Lampron , Audrey Peck

**Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of 27-Oct-2019 by Jim Peck, 2nd by Haley. Motion vote 5-0-1. Bob Fairhurst abstaining. John B not yet arrived. Need to re-vote as we did not have quorum of 7.

Handouts from Haley: Old Home Day theme voting results from Facebook

Old Home Day Countdown: 5 months away - June 20, 2020

**Public Comment:** None

**New members:** Bob Fairhurst accepted as a new member, replacing Jay Deroche as the Lions Club representative and Road Race coordinator.

## Decisions / Motions:

1. **OHD Date next year:** 20-Jun-2020, parade time 3pm (one hour later than usual).
2. **Next meeting:** Alternate Sundays and weeknights.  
Sunday February 16 2020, 6:30pm  
Thursday February 27, 6:30pm
3. **Theme:** Delay Carnival theme until next year so we can get more information. Thought is to have a few kids rides like a Carousel, not a whole midway, so we can remain on the town green. Haley will post a run-off poll on Facebook between "Decades" and "Friendly Neighbors" for the 2020 theme. "Decades" could mean the decade you grew up, Plaistow through the years, or open to interpretation.
4. **Beer Tent:** Tammy did some research and found out the issue is usually due to insurance, however the bar covers it in some cases. She will share her research with Haley. Haley will check with Kingston for information on how their beer tent was operated / authorized and where the profits went. It was noted the Lions had a beer tent at Walmart.
5. **Raffle beneficiary:** Jim Peck motions that raffle proceeds should support St. Luke's Holy Angels Food Pantry again. Barbara seconds. **Motion carries 7-0-0.**
6. **Road Race:** Bob will send link where to register, will get t-shirts. Doing a Power Pack Program theme, will think about incorporating OHD theme.
7. **Parade:** Haley will coordinate the parade and send letters out to the usual participants, though we will review expensive acts at the next meeting. Beth suggests inviting the town sports teams, in particular baseball. Any group is welcome to march. Beth will invite the baseball players.
8. **Vendors:** We had 85 vendors paying \$30 per table last year, which was too many. With the parade starting later vendors may stay an extra hour from 10-3.

Barbara motions to raise the price to \$50 for one 10x10 table; \$100 for 2 tables and limit the number of vendors to 60. Jim seconds the motion. **Motion carries 7-0-0.**

Jim Peck will handle vendor accounting and financials. We continue to look for a vendor coordinator volunteer.

**9. Entertainment:**

- a. Dan the balloon guy is popular, for \$225 he will provide balloons at no cost to attendees for the day. Barbara motions to contract Dan the balloon guy, Jim seconds. **Motion carries 7-0-0.**
  - b. Erika the caricature artist is also popular and has a long line. Jim suggested we invite Tomaso to keep up with demand. Erika usually charges \$475 for the 5 hour day. By consensus \$300 is a fair price for 5 hours. Haley will reach out to Erika to see if she will accept \$300. Barbara will reach out to Tomaso to see if he will accept \$300.
  - c. Baby and Beard contests: Jim (and Audrey??) won't be here for OHD. Will find emcees for both.
10. **Fire / Police** - We have Derek for fire liaison again this year. Haley reached out to Chief Mullin for a police liaison. We need the police representative at the last 2 meetings before OHD.
11. **Program** - Traditionally this is the Historical Society's sole source of income, they then donate to the town to defray OHD expenses. Last year Jim raised \$5,500. Jim will train the new person this year. John will reach out to Tammy Bergeron to see if she will take over soliciting ads. Most sponsors renew each year. There is a warrant article to establish an OHD expendable trust fund to gather donations so the money can go specifically to OHD rather than into the general fund.
- 12. Outreach**
- a. OHD Website needs updating. Haley and Jim are admins. Add Barbara as 3rd admin. Haley will update the site.
  - b. Town Website - Barbara will ask Beth to update the committee members on the website.
  - c. Facebook group - add Barbara as admin. Barbara will post minutes and link to website
13. **Budget:** back to \$23,500. We will pay for fireworks this year.

**Action items from last meeting:**

1. **Done! Francine Hart** will investigate setting up a town Enterprise fund for Old Home Day fundraising so that it can be more self-sufficient. **Result:** Warrant article for OHD trust fund.
2. **? Jay DeRoche** will investigate setting aside a picnic area where people can eat food from the Lions, Cub Scouts, and other food vendors.
3. **? Jay DeRoche** will provide information to **Tammy Bergeron** on establishing a beer garden based loosely on the successful Kingston beer garden
4. **Done? Jay DeRoche** will ask the Lions if they will pick up the parade coordination again. **Result:** no
5. **Done! Haley** send the Vendor coordinator responsibilities to **Barbara**
6. **Done! Barbara** will add a Facebook post asking for a Vendor coordinator volunteer. **Result** - no volunteers
7. **Done! Everyone** –

- a. send pictures of OHD to **Jim Peck** for the Town Report. Let Jim know by email if you would like to see a copy of the report before it is sent to the town.
- b. Send Theme ideas for 2020 to **Haley** by January

**New Action Items:**

8. **Haley** will
  - a. post a run-off poll on Facebook between "Decades" and "Friendly Neighbors" for the 2020 theme.
  - b. create list of parade participants that charge money, highlighting the more expensive ones
  - c. send out letters to the usual participants, wait for approval on the expensive ones
  - d. contract with Dan the balloon guy for \$225
  - e. reach out to artist Erika to see if she will accept \$300 for the day
  - f. update OHD website, add Barbara as admin.
  - g. update Facebook group, add Barbara as admin
9. **Bob** will send link where to register, will get t-shirts.
10. **Beth T.** will ask the baseball and possibly other sports teams if they would like to march in the parade.
11. **Barbara** will
  - a. reach out to Tomaso to see if he will accept \$300 for the day
  - b. ask Beth to update the committee members on the town website
  - c. post minutes to town and OHD websites
12. **Jim** will find emcee for beard (and baby?) contest
13. **John** will ask Tammy if she will take charge of the Program and get beer garden information to Haley.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Kiszka, Recording Secretary