

**Town of Boscawen
Old Home Day
Boscawen Municipal Complex
Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 19th, 2021, at 6:00 PM**

Present: Polly Dawson - Chair, Lori Bernard, Kim Kenney, Lyman Cousens, Rhoda Bergeron, Beverly Lacey, TA Alan Hardy & Matthew Burdick– Ex-Officio
Excused: Laura Lane & Susan Dukette
Others Present: Town Clerk-Nicole Hoyt

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

Roll call completed by Chair Dawson.

Minutes:

June 21st, 2021– Ms. Rhoda Bergeron motioned to accept the minutes as amended. Seconded by Mr. Lyman Cousens. All in favor. None opposed.

- Ms. Beverly Lacey has one request, line 9, change her to present.

Financial Report:

Chair Dawson motioned to accept the financial report and profit and loss statement through 07.19.21. Seconded by Mr. Lyman Cousens. All in favor. None opposed.

Old Home Day: Chair Dawson said they have the contract for the fireworks. They talked about selling waters and snack foods during the firework. Chair Dawson personally doesn't want to do it. Ms. Kenney said it would be a good idea to make more money, but they don't need to. Chair Dawson suggested just selling water. Ms. Kenney was thinking of candy and chips for snacks and soda. Chair Dawson said soda is a hassle and last time they ended up throwing most of it away. Ms. Kenney said it would be from 7pm to 9pm. Chair Dawson asked if they want to do something between the shows. Ms. Kenney said the last show ends at 6pm. The shows will be 45 minutes to an hour. They will have to clean up and wipe down the chairs between shows. Ms. Kenney has tons of wipes to provide for cleaning. TA Hardy should have 4 contracts without the fireworks. It is the balloon twister and three performers. Ms. Kenney will contact the balloon twister about her contract. Ms. Kenney asked if the Old Home Day committee could hand out glow sticks to the kids at night. They aren't expensive and they have a ton of money. It would help parents keep track of their kids better. Chair Dawson wants to find out how much they are. They can get them at the dollar store or Walmart. TA Hardy suggested using Oriental Training. Chair Dawson thinks they may have glow sticks in their storage area that weren't used. Selectman Burdick said Amazon has a deal of \$18 for a 300 pack of glow stick bracelets. Ms. Kenney would want to get necklaces and bracelets. TA Hardy said they can either cut a check and give someone cash or use the credit card to purchase them. Ms. Kenney thinks it's cheaper to go into the store rather than buying them online. Ms. Kenney will buy the glow sticks. TA Hardy said if they want to do Amazon, give him the amount and he will order them. Selectman Burdick will send TA Hardy the number needed.

Ms. Bergeron motioned to purchase and give out glow sticks to the children at Old Home Day before the fireworks. Seconded by Chair Dawson.

The Merrimack Valley and Baker Valley band are participating in the parade. Ms. Kenney asked TA Hardy if the nets could be removed from the tennis courts for the day. TA Hardy said they can be removed. Ms. Kenney put word out to the BEA staff about having a float. She already got responses so their PTA will have a float. The staff is also trying to put a float together.

Chief Tim Kenney offered to bring a freezer to the Dorval House to put the ice cream in. Ms. Kenney said the camp program currently has a freezer down there, but they will be done by then. Ms. Kenney said Lorrie Carey said one of the freezers doesn't stay cold. TA Hardy said it isn't very big. Chief Kenney will bring it down to use for the day. TA Hardy said they will put it in the right-hand side so they can keep it locked. Ms. Kenney asked Chair Dawson if she is willing to buy the ice cream. They can put the freezer in after the 20th. Ms. Kenney is thinking popsicles. Selectman Burdick suggested having ice cream that would be on an ice cream truck. Chair Dawson will buy the ice cream. Ms. Kenney asked how much ice cream they should get. The ice cream comes in packs of 24 or 48. Mr. Cousens suggested Hoodsie cups. Ms. Kenney suggested getting around 300 ice creams. Ms. Kenney said she can help Chair Dawson shop for the ice cream. Chair Dawson suggested bringing a cooler so they can transport the ice cream.

Ms. Kenney is going to put chairs to the park on early Saturday morning. TA Hardy will give her a key to Town Hall so she can access them. They don't need tables. They will use the Dorval House as well as an outhouse for bathroom use.

After the 6 pm show they will clean up the chairs before the fireworks. At 7 pm people will start coming to get a good spot for the fireworks. Chair Dawson will ask Melissa to sell the snacks and water for the fireworks. Mr. Cousens said he doesn't think it's worth it to sell food in the evening. People leave their trash everywhere and then the Committee will have to clean up. Ms. Kenney said it was just an idea. They won't sell snacks and drinks at the fireworks.

Ms. Kenney suggested making OHD staff shirts to wear. Chair Dawson said they can also wear their lanyard that shows who they are.

Golf Tournament: Ms. Kim Kenney said there is currently 17 teams signed up and there may be one more additional team. There will be a raffle with physical prizes. There will also be donations accepted, in addition to the cost for each player pays to participate. FD Phelps is keeping track of the raffle and sponsor list. Mr. Cousens asked for it to be sent to him a week before so he can make the poster. Ms. Kenney told everyone the poster will be displayed at the Golf Tournament as well as Old Home Day. They are putting both sponsors and the people who donated. They met with Den Bray, and they decided on pulled pork with potato salad, beans, coleslaw and brownies. FD Phelps and another person will be doing the raffle. One will be selling the tickets. FD Phelps won't be selling but will be standing by the raffle to tell people they can put the raffles into which ever cup they wish to win a prize for. There won't be a generalized raffle. FD Phelps said she won't be golfing with her husbands' team. As people are finishing up, FD Phelps will continue to do the raffle. They will pick the winners of the raffles at lunch time. They are doing well with raffle prizes, but Ms. Kenney still has to pick up Chairwoman Lorrie Carey's and Ms. Lori Bernard's. Mr. Cousens will pick up the prize from Black Forest Nursery. Ms. Kenney emailed TA Alan

Hardy but hasn't heard back about the prize. Ms. Kenney wrote a letter to Dunkin Donuts to ask for a prize, but it has to be sent to corporate. Ms. Kenney also needs to stop by Mr. Dave Murray's. The Golf Course gave them a prize of 4 rounds of golf to put towards the raffle. Ms. Kenney said in the letter it reads that people who sponsor or donate would be put in the Concord Monitor, News Vine and Valley Voice. Mr. Cousens said for the Concord Monitor it goes in as a round up. He will write it up and send it out. Ms. Kenney said whatever goes into the Monitor should be pasted onto Facebook. Chair Dawson suggested putting it on the front page of the Town website for a day. Ms. Kenney said the 50/50 raffle is cut because they are doing so well with raffle prizes. She would like to ask the Committee if they can do a door prize where every person golfing gets a door prize. If their ticket is drawn, they would win the door prize. Ms. Kenney is requesting that the door prize be \$50 in scratch tickets. Ms. Kenney estimated that the Golf Tournament would bring in around \$12,000. They will have to spend about \$5,000 for the golf and meal. Mr. Cousens thinks the expenses may be a little more.

Rhoda Bergeron made a motion to spend \$50 towards scratch tickets for the door prize for the Golf Tournament. Seconded by Chair Dawson. All in favor. None opposed.

Ms. Kenney asked who will purchase the scratch tickets because she doesn't have a card. Selectman Burdick said some stores will let you pay with a debit card and others are cash only. Chair Dawson thinks FD Phelps can write her a check for \$50 and she can go buy them. Chair Dawson will buy them and bring them to Ms. Kenney.

New Business: Mr. Cousens said the complete schedule is on the Facebook Page. It shows the times of acts Ms. Kim Kenney put together as well as activities from Adele Sanborn on both Sunday's before and after. Mr. Cousens asked Ms. Kenney to put the times and events on the website as well but it isn't up yet. Chair Dawson said they would need to post the events each week on Facebook or else the initial post will fade away.

Mr. Cousens said they won't have an article in the News Vine. One reason is because he didn't get it in in time. He was disappointed he wasn't contacted to let him know it was being printed ahead of time. They have been holding up on what the Elektrisola activities will be. Chair Dawson said Ms. Kenney said at the Grammar School, a OHD notice gets sent out every time they send out a message for parents.

TA Hardy said the conversation about the boat launch will come up again this year. The Police restricted the access at the gate last year. The middle gate is below the building itself. They will close it and then people can carry their kayaks and stuff down. It will be closed the night before, so cars don't park down their overnight.

Mr. Cousens said Chair Dawson and himself met with Maggie Mathison, the new HR director from Elektrisola. They want to have a road race, but it is more of a rail trail race. Mr. Cousens told Ms. Mathison about Granite State Racing LLC in Newport NH. They set up the timing and give people numbers. They also register people and monitor the race. The intent is to have the race go from the Winthrop Carter house, across the street, down Depot St to the rail trail and then go up to Garish St. It would be on Tuesday night at 6pm. The issue would be crossing the street. They would have the police monitor the road as people are passing. Chair Dawson suggested making it

a run and a walk so parents could walk with their kids. Selectman Burdick informed Ms. Mathison about how Elektrisola is part of the community. Ms. Mathison came up with a 5k plan. Selectman Burdick is concerned about how they are getting from point A to point B. If they are starting at Winthrop Carter, technically in a 5k race it should double back to the same location they started. There needs to be a defined circle or path. They could do it on the rail trail, but they would have to go down one way and back. Mr. Cousens said they go up to Garish St. and then turn around and finish back at Depot St. They can't have people backing up the road to get back to Winthrop Carter. Ms. Mathison originally wanted to set things up in the park. They suggested having a beer truck and entertainment. It wouldn't work at the park because it is Town property. They are going to set it up at the Winthrop Carter house with a possible band and refreshments. The beer truck will be brought up from CT where they refurbish old vans in turn them into beer trucks. TA Hardy said Primex asked if the beer truck is part of Old Home Day. Chair Dawson said it is really an Elektrisola event. If it isn't part of Old Home Day, they will end up buying two policies to have the beer associated with the Town. The Town doesn't have insurance protection. Elektrisola puts together the whole thing, the OHD Committee just helps them. The outsider vendor for the beer carries their own insurance liability. Ms. Kenney thinks a run/walk event would be a better turn out. Mr. Cousens suggested having the walk could go from Depot St. down to the Corn Field and back, so they aren't in the way of the runners. There is no entry fee and runners get a free t-shirt. They could make marker walks for each mile so people can decide to walk back. Ms. Kenney said a community member reached out to her suggesting a road race on Old Home Day.

Ms. Kenney asked if the OHD Committee thinks she should copy the letter the Grammar School sends out about OHD and put it on bright paper to leave at businesses. Mr. Cousens doesn't think it's worth it.

Mr. Cousens needs to order the road signs. They need OHD, the parade, Elektrisola night and 6 for the performers. They don't need a sign for the fireworks. They have 2, one they put up by route 4 and the other one goes on King St. Mr. Cousens said he will call DOT to mow. They can't put a sign by the Goodhue's because it interferes with their business. The signs will be finished before Ms. Kenney makes the big sign. They will make a small sign for the Elektrisola event.

Next meeting:

Monday, August 16th, 2021 @ 6:00PM

Chair Dawson motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Bergeron. All in favor. None opposed.

Respectfully submitted by Hannah Gardner