

Old Home Day Committee

Minutes for May 7, 2015 7:00pm Dunbarton Public Library

Meeting called to order at 7:15pm.

Members Present: George Maskiell, John Stevens, Nancy Lang

Members Absent: Travis James, Ken Koerber

Public Present: Don Larsen

The following information was noted as received via email or other communication:

Chanti Labrecque would like to be on our email list and will "send people our way".

Tom Cusano will organize the parade for Saturday. He is also considering the purchase of a larger tent that could hold both the beer tasting and food concessions.

The Town Hall and Theatre Restoration Project trustees would like to sponsor the beer tent again.

The Garden Club is planning to provide the food concession.

Lisa Dion is also willing to help.

Discussed the need to connect with the 250th Anniversary Committee. Have they made any plans yet? (Possibly already booked a bagpipe band?) What role do they want to play? Are they planning on having a table/booth to sell memorabilia, work with us on planning activities, and/or sponsor specific parts of the weekend? Can we meet them in a round table forum to determine who will be in charge of what? Noted that their next meeting is probably on Tuesday, May 26 at 6:30pm.

Vendors and displays: We would like to invite those who would have participated in the Arts on the Common to purchase a space. Also, in response to comments arising at the Community Profile event, we would like to offer every organization in town space to pass out information about their group and how people can get involved.

George has been collecting information from possible vendors he connected with at other events. He will also contact Mike Coulter at High Tide in Hillsboro about classic car groups. High Tide hosts a classic car gathering every Wednesday during the summer. There is also a meeting at Arnie's in Concord on Tuesdays.

Publicity: Don noted that the NH Prison can produce "yard signs" at a price of \$175 for 50. These should be put out at least 3-4 weeks before Old Home Day. Nancy suggested we get numerous signs with basic information (Old Home Day/250th Celebration, Sept 12-13, Dunbarton Common, maybe a website or phone number) to be put around town, and a few larger signs with more information (specific events noted, fireworks, parade, etc.) for key spots. Don suggested a mailer with the full schedule, sent out 1 1/2-2 weeks before. Printing would cost around \$80.

Activities and Programs: Live music following the parade. Possibly a polka band in the beer tent. How would that impact bands in the bandstand? The Grass Dawgs (George Holt's band) would probably play. If there is a bagpipe band in the parade, would they play for a while afterward?

George noted that the children's activities and crafts organized by Nancy and Becky Barlow really drew in the kids.

John has a list of what went well and what could be improved from last year. This will be reviewed at a future meeting.

Beer Tent: Glasses for samples hold 5 oz. Purchase of a glass for \$10 allows for unlimited sampling. Discussed adding wine or other alcohol... might be limited by the permit. Other places have sold beer for \$5 a full size glass. Consensus was to stick with samples. Don reported the 603 Brewery was developing a 250th Anniversary Ale for us. Another brewery has a "John Stark" Whiskey.

Budget: George reported we have \$5,000 budgeted for Old Home Day this year, plus about \$500 left over from 2014. The fireworks budget is double the normal amount because they were rained out last year. Discussed possibility of spreading the fireworks over 2 nights. Will definitely apply for a permit to allow Sunday to be a rain date for Saturday show.

250th Calendar: Old Home Day is on the 250th calendar with the Parade, Art & Writing Exhibit (Library), Ham & Bean Supper (Historical Society), and Fireworks on Saturday, September 12. Sunday, September 13 is listed as 250th/Old Home Day and rain date for the fireworks.

Action items:

Inventory what's out there that we might want to have
Consult with the 250th Anniversary Committee

Next Meeting: To be Determined, after meeting with the 250th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Lang,
Secretary Pro-temp