

Old Home Day Committee Minutes

June 3, 2015 6:30 pm

Dunbarton Public Library

Meeting was called to order at 6:42 pm.

Members Present: George Maskiell (co-chair), John Stevens (co-chair), Ken Koerber, Nancy Lang (secretary)

Members Excused: Travis James

Public Present: Mark Lang, Don Larsen, Addison Chase

250th Committee:

John attended their last meeting. They are busy planning the August 9 event. Want to know what we have planned, or ideas we have, to decide what they want to do. John will simplify the list of last year's activities for them to look over. George will contact Allison about the next 250th meeting and our need to know what they need for Old Home Day.

Antique and Classic Cars:

Ken had information about the Goffstown Rotary car show to be held this weekend. Arnie's Place in Concord hosts the "Lone Wolf" club. George is also contacting Mike from High Tide in Hillsborough. Should put up notice/poster with our dates and contact info to attract participants. Discussed if we wanted to specify "Antique" or "Classic" cars? Consensus to include both. Possibility of getting cars in the parade and then a 'car show' on Sunday afternoon?

Parade:

Tom Cusano will head planning. Addison Chase would like to get 100 tractors in the parade. He will help us advertise for participants. Committee has no problem with folks from surrounding towns being in the parade. Would also welcome steam engines and tractors pulling farm implements. Display on the ball field after the parade?

Nancy will submit notices for website, Town Crier, etc for folks to contact Addison to register tractors for the parade. Will also advertise for cars.

Discussed getting the Town Hearse in the parade. Could it be placed on a flatbed trailer? Understand it is difficult to find horses/driver that can safely pull it.

It appears that a bagpipe band has been booked for the parade. Need to find out if they will play for a while after the parade.

Music:

Plan to have a sound system with recorded music to fill in while bands set

up/take down in the bandstand. Maybe a polka band in the beer tent to play between other bands? Band suggestions: Hopkinton Town Band (Lucy 496-1083), Freize Brothers Band (swing), Larsen Brothers Band (Irish), Nevers Band, featured performers from Spireside Coffee House, the "Just in Time Chorale".

Contra Dance:

Will try again for the Saturday night contra dance between dinner and fireworks. Make or rent a dance floor? Food/beer tent should provide enough space.

Revolutionary War Reenactment:

Can we have an "overnight" reenactment? Set up camp on the ball field to demonstrate camp life? Not necessarily a battle reenactment.

Children's Games/Play Area:

Bounce houses were about \$110 each last year. Nancy would like orange fencing around the area for traffic control and to keep play things in the area (and out of the bounce houses). Issues last year with older children taking items into areas where they could have caused harm to others.

Parking:

Will make it clear to vendors/exhibitors that parking on School Street is for while unloading/loading only. Parking will be available at the Highway Garage and the school. Would Margaret Venator allow parking in her field? (this was done in 1990 for the 225th.)

Can we provide some sort of shuttle between parking areas and the common? (Also important if we are going to have activities at the school as well.) Mark Lang suggested asking about the trams from NH Motor Speedway. He will check with them. Nancy wondered about a trolley. Ideal would be vehicle and driver provided, but cost may require we find volunteers to drive.

Banner:

Last year's banner will require updating to include being a two day event. Should we get a new banner this year that can draw attention to the 250th? Don suggested cheapbanners.com.

Next meeting set for Wednesday, June 17 at 6:30 pm at the Library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.