

Dunbarton Old Home Day Committee Meeting on June 17, 2015
6:30 pm at Dunbarton Public Library

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm

Present:

Committee members: John Stevens, Nancy Lang

Public: Mark Lang

Absent: George Maskiell, Ken Keorber, Travis James

Noted that Travis was not a sworn in member of the committee. Not sure if Ken has been sworn in. Determined that 2 duly sworn-in members currently constitutes a quorum and a meeting could be held.

Reviewed emails from George regarding meeting with the 250th Committee and interactions he has had with various bands:

The Bel-Airs (50s/60s music) have been tentatively booked for Sunday for the 1-3 time slot, at a cost of \$650. George will send a confirmation. John and Nancy agreed that this would be acceptable.

The Hopkinton Town Band was not available, but gave George contact information for the **Fountain Square Ramblers** (Dixie land band). The Ramblers are available for the parade, and are willing to perform following the parade or during a later time slot. The fee for them will be \$400-\$600, depending on how long they perform.

Alison will see if the **Sons of the American Revolution** (coming to the August 9th event) would be available for the parade and a musket show after.

See attached email from George for other items that we did not discuss.

Other activities:

Discussed having **breakfast** served one or both days. Nancy has brought the idea to the Congregational Church (no response yet) and Mark had mentioned it to the fire Explorers group. The Fire Explorers did a breakfast for Goffstown's Old Home Day, and would welcome the opportunity to do breakfast in Dunbarton.

Nancy also suggested having a **community worship service** Sunday morning. Pastor Cindy of the Congregational Church seems to be in favor of that. St. John's Episcopopol Church appears to be between pastors, but Nancy will encourage Cindy to get them involved as well. Possibly have some old fashioned elements of worship services, such as the tithingman and his pole to keep people awake, or "deaconing" the hymns.

Nancy and Becky Barlow will plan activities and crafts for the children's area.

Decided that Saturday will be the more traditional Old Home Day carnival type events, and Sunday will be more focused on history, family, and bringing the community together to relax.

Mark and Nancy suggested hiring Fred Marple (and the Frost Heaves players?) or Rebecca Rule for story-telling Sunday evening. Or doing Rebecca Rule's "Town Meeting" play as "Reader's Theater". This would help wind down the celebration, and also offer something between the events on the Common and the fireworks, should they be rained out on Saturday. The play would require a couple of rehearsals/read-throughs, but we might be able to entice the Westenbergs to direct, and scripts can be disguised as town reports.

John recommended we start booking things like the bounce houses and porta-potties. He will review last year's lists to see what needs to be reserved.

Nancy showed John a grid she had constructed to help plan what is happening when and where for the weekend. John will work it into a spreadsheet.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 1 at 6:30 pm at the Library

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

George's Email re: Meeting with the 250th Committee: (edited for format, spelling, and removed items not related to OHD)

From: George Maskiell [mailto:gmask@gsinet.net]

Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 9:18 PM

To: john.stevens@gsinet.net

Subject: 250 Meeting

I attended the 250 meeting tonight and thought you would be there, so I'm writing to tell you what went on. They were very cordial, and really appreciated my input and desire to know what they needed for OHD space. All they want is the same space as last year. I told them that this year's OHD is built around focusing on the 250 celebration. I brought up the issues of signage for the 250/OHD suggesting that we have one sign in various places bulleting the highlights of the 250/OHD with something like:

"250 Year Celebration & Old Home Days"

- . Parade
- . Concessions
- . Antique and Classic Cars
- . Ham & Bean Supper

Instead of having separate signs. They all agreed. They are also going to have a banner on the side of town hall and we all had input to something like: "Celebrate Dunbarton's 250 Birthday" and below dunbartonnh.org. or something similar and we will also have the OHD banner out front.

Line also proposed that any money not being spent out of the 250 pot be transferred to the OHD pot of money and be used to hire more bands and events. After a short debate, they were ok with that. I also suggested if they can't transfer it, they could pay for some of the bands etc., because we have to have two days worth of music which is going to be very expensive.

Other items we discussed:

Alison gave me the name of another band "The Bel Airs" a 50's/60's band. They not only play, but they sing as well. I will call them tomorrow. She's also going to see if the Sons of the Revolution will march in the parade and have a musket show after the parade.

We talked about having as many floats as possible in parade and possibly a reviewing stand for prizes. Also marching horses for the parade.

The question came up as to who was benefiting from the Beer Garden sales, was it the Town Hall Restoration or who? I didn't have an answer.

So, the meeting was very cohesive and productive, and I think we are going to be able to work together nicely. Gary and Nancy Atella weren't there, and Alison believes they are possibly moving out of town.

I talked to the Hopkinton Band and they are booked but she directed me to a Jim Sembil and the Fountain Square Ramblers, a Dixie Land Band. I booked them for the parade and they will also play after and/or at another time slot later in the day or at night. Their fee will be between \$400-600.

Line got a letter from the Bagpipe band and they will play for a few minutes at the end of the parade and that's it. Whadya want for three grand?

I contacted the Freeze Brothers Big Band and they may not be able to get back to me until the weekend, but would like to play. I made some contacts with vendors, waiting to hear back.