Old Home Day Committee Meeting
July 1, 2015
7pm at the Library

Committee Members Present: John Stevens, George Maskiell, Nancy Lang, Ken Keorber
Public: Don Larsen, Mark Lang, Tom Cusano

Called to order at 7:08 pm

Large Tent: Tom said the tent available for him to buy was not large enough for what we need. We can rent a larger tent and have the rental company responsible for setting up and taking down. Side discussion about companies testing for drug use, after incident in town of overdose by a rental company employee on the job. Town owns 2 tents: 20x30 and 20x40. Tom will continue checking prices for tent rentals. (Christian Party, Taylor, Party Time, etc.)

Parade and Music: Fountain Square Ramblers band would be best in the bandstand rather than in parade. We will be looking for bands to play about 90 minutes each, or 2 40-minute sets with short break. George has been in contact with the Bel Airs, who play 50s/60s music. Maybe Sunday? Bag pipe band will play in parade and about 4 songs after. John will contact George Holt about the Grass Dawgs playing Saturday afternoon. Nevers Band a possibility for Sunday afternoon. Tom is their booking manager. Bow High School band no longer marches, maybe they would like to play on Sunday? Concord High School band would cost about $500 for parade and songs in formation after. Tom will seek a marching high school band for the parade.

We discussed putting the fire trucks at the beginning of the parade and/or asking them to limit the use of sirens. Some children don't like the loud noise, and it can drown out the bands.

Could we get the current Hog Reeves on a float with a live pig?

Tentative music schedule for Saturday, with the parade ending around noon:
12-12:30 Bagpipe Band
12:45-1:30 High School Band
2-3:30 Grass Dawgs (if available)
4-5:30 Fountain Square Ramblers
7-9 Contra Dance

We still need to finalize the contra dance ($400). Ken will follow up with Carolyn Parrott. Could be held under the large tent or possibly inside Fire Station (if the trucks will be out for setting up fireworks).

Tractors, Cars, and Antique Equipment on display on the ball field following the parade. Discussed if we should plan a rain date for the parade. At what point would we need to call it?

Sunday Breakfast: The Fire Explorers (a combined Goffstown-Dunbarton group) did a breakfast for Goffstown Old Home Day, and would be willing to do one for us. Breakfast would be served from 8-10:30. Could be held under the food/beer tent on the Common or at the Fire Station.
**Vendors:** We want to keep it affordable for vendors who missed out on the Arts Fest and local folks. Decided cost for a space would be $100 for the weekend. No charge for local organizations to have informational displays. Fred and Lee Mullen will do a Dutch Oven cooking demo.

**Odds and Ends:** George will contact about porta-potties. The 20x30 tent will be used in the kids' area, with fencing around bounce houses and play area. Line will adjust the date on the Old Home Day Banner to read “Sept 12 & 13” since we don't need the year. Signs should be put out at least one month in advance. Don has price list from the State Prison Print Shop for larger signs to go around town and neighboring towns, and to do a direct mail flier with the schedule. (Passed around New Boston's 4th of July postcard).

**Sunday afternoon:** Could we have a repeat of Bill Zeller's history presentation and/or the school's play from the Artist-in-Residence program? Would the church or a tent be dark enough for a slide show in the afternoon? Karaoke? Nevers Band playing a patriotic sing-along? Bingo? (free to play, small prizes for adults and teens) Game tent for adults and teens? (Chess, checkers, cribbage, whist, etc.)

**Parade Grand Marshall:** We will ask Ron Wanner, to whom the 2015 Town Report was dedicated, to be the Grand Marshall for the parade.

**Kids' Contests:** Should we have something like a “Little Miss Dunbarton” pageant? Becky Barlow and Nancy will organize crafts and races for the kids for Saturday. Need to check if Lisa Dion also wants to be involved with that (she had lots of ideas last year).

**Facebook:** Nancy will setup a Facebook page for Old Home Day, so we can start getting the word out.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, July 15 at 7pm. Nancy will be unable to attend, Karen Cusano was volunteered to do the minutes.

**Meeting adjourned:** 9:20pm