

Old Home Day Meeting August 12, 2015 7pm at the Library

Present:

Committee: John Stevens, Nancy Lang, George Maskiell, Ken Koerber

Public: Don Larsen, Enid Larsen, Mark Lang, Tom Cusano, Sergeant Chris Remillard (Dunbarton Police Department)

Meeting called to order at 7:12 pm

Police/Safety issues: Sergeant Remillard reported that there will be 6 officers on duty all day for both days of Old Home Day weekend. Common will be patrolled Saturday night as well. Detour signs will be used to direct traffic around the parade route, turning off Stark Highway South at Mansion Road and Stark Highway North at Winslow Road. Officers will be reminded not to allow traffic through once parade begins to form onto Route 13. The officer at Barnard Hill Road will be the last vehicle in the parade. Traffic that has been waiting will be able to follow the cruiser. The Dunbarton PD will be assisting with the canine demonstration Saturday afternoon, forming a perimeter around the demo area to keep spectators at a safe distance.

Tom Cusano noted that the parade will form up on Barnard Hill Road, rather than along Rt 13 as in the past. The British Car group and any antique cars will park along School St following the parade. School Street will be closed to traffic (except for residents of School St) throughout the day. The Town Office parking area will be for loading and unloading only, vendors will need to move their vehicles once they have unloaded in the morning. There was a question last year as to whether vehicles had to be "street legal" to be in the parade. Sergeant Remillard stated he believed there was an exemption for permitted parades, and he will confirm this. Unregistered vehicles would still have to be hauled to the and from the parade route.

The Dunbarton Police will advertise the detour and road closing. We can remind folks to arrive well before the parade time of 11 am to ensure they are able to travel to the Town Center. We discussed creating a make-shift sidewalk along Robert Rogers Road between the Fire Station and School Street. This portion of the road is very narrow, with no shoulders. If cars park along this stretch, people walking to or from the school parking lots can end up in the middle of the road. The suggestion was made to use cones and rope to mark off a pedestrian path along the road. (This could also be done for Halloween.)

Beer Tent: Any money the committee raises, and any funds left over from our budget, will roll into the town's general fund. Discussed designating one or more charities to receive funds. Issue of the committee (and therefor the Town) endorsing a non-profit was brought up. Tom suggested that maybe someone from the Garden Club could be a co-chair or vice president, with members of the charitable organization helping with the paperwork, training, and running the tent on Old Home Day.

Don noted that we really need to get someone on board by this weekend. The license test is being offered in Keene on August 19 (next Wednesday) and in Manchester on August 26. The test takes half a day and is "open book." Must have a licensed person in charge of the tent. He will then need to appoint a deputy to be in charge when he is not in the tent. Everyone working the tent will need to know who is in charge at all times.

Suggested just doing the Beer Tent on Saturday, as volunteers seem to be in short supply. Tom will put out an email to the Garden Club looking for someone to co-chair; they can contact Don for more information about what is involved.

We have enough money to pay for the glasses without a sponsor. Costs would be subtracted from the beer sales before profit is determined. John will ask Line to send Don the artwork for the glasses. Don had designed a two sided glass with 250th celebration on one side and Old Home Day on the other. Group decided to go with a 250th logo and the noting Dunbarton's 250th Anniversary, rather than mentioning Old Home Day. This would make the glasses an additional 250th souvenir, and allow us to sell any leftovers at a later event.

Tents: Tom has priced 60 x 80 foot tents at \$600-\$1000. This size will allow the food and beer to be under a single tent, with seating area. The smaller tents owned by the Rec Committee can be used for the Children's Area and/or additional seating area.

Banners/Signs/PR: Karen Cusano has kindly agreed to organize the PR campaign. Tom's sign for Page's Corner is actually 4 by 9 feet. Yard signs from the Prison will cost \$175 for 50. Don will call High Street Farmhouse about sponsoring the Beer Tent, so a banner can be ordered. Line is getting dates set on the Old Home Day banner and will ask the Dunbarton Telephone Company to put it up once it is ready.

Parade/Bands: No response from Concord High School about marching in the parade yet. May end up with only the bag pipers in the parade. Ken will get in touch with Addison Chase concerning the fliers recruiting tractors and old farm equipment. Addison had the parade time listed as noon. Correct time is 11:00 am, with line at 10:30. The Garden Club will have a float in the parade. Tom has not heard from any other organizations. Much discussion about having Bow High School band play, and who would contact.

Music/Entertainment Schedule: *(Tentative, pending confirmation of availability)*

Saturday:

12:30-2:00 pm	Fountain Square Ramblers (Tom to contact)
2:15-3:15 pm	Funky Jazz Band (George to contact)
3:30-5:30 pm	Grass Dawgs (confirmed?)
7:00-8:30 pm	Contra Dance with Carolyn Parrott (Confirmed by Ken)
9:00 pm	Fireworks begin

Sunday:

12:00-1:30 pm	Fred Marple, Yankee Humor (Mark will contact)
1:30-3:00 pm	The Bel-Airs (George will contact)
3:00-4:30 pm	Lizz Ferdina & Company (John will contact)

Bingo: Nancy will get supplies. Idea is everyone gets one card. Maybe use beans as markers? Small prizes to winners. Use same card for each game or trade with a neighbor. Kits for up to 100 players can be purchased for under \$100. Bingo will be held on Sunday afternoon under the children's tent.

Food: Saturday: The Garden Club will do food in the food/beer tent on Saturday, and can leave equipment set up for another group to cook on Sunday. Historical Society is doing the Ham & Bean Supper on Saturday, 5-7. **Sunday:** Not the Garden Club. Church said “no”, but John will double check with Shelley. Mark will talk with others from the church on Sunday. The 4-H was suggested as another possible town group.

Kids' Area: Nancy is working with Becky to plan crafts and activities. Bounce houses will be open both days. Mark will be getting some fencing (maybe green) for around the children's play area. Crafts will be set up on Saturday only. Nancy will put together a schedule of crafts for older kids. Becky will be contacting Cassie Conover and her sister Elana about dressing as Cinderella and doing a story time, or other help. Nancy has arranged for Olivia Dodd to reprise her role as the Daffodil Fairy for a Sunday afternoon story time. Nancy will contact Phil Spitz about balloon entertainment.

Rock Climbing Wall: No one seems to know how much it was used last year, so we will not get it this year.

Fred Marple (aka Ken Sheldon): Mark has been in contact with “Fred” about performing some Yankee Humor on Sunday. Group felt that late Sunday afternoon would not have enough of a crowd. Mark will check if he is available to perform at noon. Charge is \$500 for a 90 minute performance.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 19 at 7:00 pm at the Library

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm

Nancy Lang, Secretary