

Sandown Oktoberfest Committee
Minutes
March 23, 2023

Date: 3/23/23

Place: Sandown Town Hall

Members Present: Karen Jortberg- Chair, Erica Olsen- Vice Chair, Paula Gulla- Treasurer, Colleen Olsen- Secretary, Jim Gulla, Helen LoPresti, Ben Sharpe- Selectman Liaison

Mrs. Jortberg opened the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Review of Minutes:

Ms. LoPresti made a correction to the spelling of her last name in line 10, should be spelt LoPresti and not LoPreseti.

MOTION:

Mrs. Gulla made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Mr. Gulla seconded the motion. Ms. LoPresti abstained. All else in favor, the motion passed 5-0-1.

Donations:

Mrs. Gulla shared a list of donations that she has received from businesses as well as members of the public. Ms. Olsen asked if everyone would be okay with making a Facebook post opening the donations to members of the public. The committee had no issues with the posting.

Mrs. Gulla noted that she has received an opinion letter from town counsel regarding the collection of vendor fees. It was town counsels' opinion that the word donation should be used rather than fee. The committee discussed adding a disclaimer to the vendor application to state where the vendor donations will be going towards.

Mrs. Olsen shared a pamphlet that was used by the Sandown PTA several years ago for their auction. She felt that this could be a good way to advertise businesses if they provide donations as well as share a list of events.

Music:

Mr. Gulla shared that he heard back from the Bavarian Brothers, and they are booked for an event already. Mr. Gulla asked the committee if they were looking to get bands to play for free or if the committee was willing to pay bands for the music. The committee said they would like to have bands come in for free or low cost rather than paying. The committee also discussed having a few bands perform and then having an open mic, sponsored by Two-to-Lou during the rest of the day to fill in the gaps.

Beer/Alcohol:

Mrs. Jortberg shared that she is currently working to get insurance and a liquor license for the event. She shared that she doesn't have a cost back from the insurance company yet but hopes to have it in time for the next meeting.

Vendors:

Ms. Olsen shared that she has received about 15 different vendor applications from various businesses in and around Sandown. She shared that she is still waiting on a response from Rugged Axe on whether or not they plan to attend and noted she will follow up with them soon to confirm their attendance. She noted that she has shared the vendor application on Facebook to gain more vendors.

Next Meeting:

The next Oktoberfest meeting will be held on April 6, 2023, at 6 p.m. at Sandlots to conduct a site walk of the event space, pending property owner approval and availability.

MOTION:

Mrs. Olsen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Gulla seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-0. Meeting ADJOURNED at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen Olsen