

**DRAFT**

**Old Home Day Committee Minutes  
Wednesday, September 19, 2018**

Type of Meeting: Regular meeting

Meeting Location: Sandown Town Hall

In attendance: Tim Rand, Patty Lakos, Helen LoPresti, Bob Brouder, Anthony LoConte, Peter Koester, Alison Rochenski, Paula Gulla, Erica Olsen, Carly Gregory, Samantha Olsen

Absent: Pat Kimball, Selectman Liaison Tom Tombarello

Guest: Sgt. Richard Buco joined the meeting in progress

Chairman Tim Rand called the meeting to order at 7:10pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Review of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

MOTION by Anthony LoConte to approve the minutes of 09/05/18 as written

SECOND by Patty Lakos

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Now that the event is over, the non-public minutes will be unsealed and posted on the website.

**Treasurer**

A current budget was given to members for review.

MOTION by Paula Gulla to reimburse Pat Kimball \$14.98 for ribbons for the bike parade

SECOND by Pete Koester

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Paula Gulla to reimburse Pat Kimball \$13.00 for ribbons for the corn stalks

SECOND by Pete Koester

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Paula explained that Officer Gallant was on-site for an additional 30 minutes during the Friday night events and that increased the police detail to \$243.00

MOTION by Paula Gulla to pay \$243 for the police detail for the Friday night event

SECOND by Erica Olsen

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Paula Gulla to reimburse Bob Brouder \$16.99 for batteries for the megaphone

SECOND by Anthony LoConte

MOTION PASSED (7-0-1)

The invoice was received from Fast Signs and due to an error in printing of the vertical banners, Erica was able to get them to reduce the invoice from \$525 to \$450.

48  
49  
50  
51  
52  
53  
54  
55  
56  
57  
58  
59  
60  
61  
62  
63  
64  
65  
66  
67  
68  
69  
70  
71  
72  
73  
74  
75  
76  
77  
78  
79  
80  
81  
82  
83  
84  
85  
86  
87  
88  
89  
90  
91  
92  
93  
94  
95  
96  
97

Anthony mentioned that both the winner of the Historical Society's 50/50 raffle and the Historical Society are donating their winnings to the tree lighting ceremony. The Historical Society will forward the winnings to the Selectmen's Office.

Paula mentioned that she forgot all about the glow sticks that were to be handed out on Friday night. They will be saved for next year.

### **Marketing**

Members mentioned that the LED sign was a lot of effort and too expensive to do again next year. Alternatives will be looked at before next year's event. Something reflective and with flashing lights to get attention would be a plus.

### **Site**

Parking will need to be addressed before next year's event. A suggestion was made to use the Police Station parking lot and possibly the Town Hall parking lot if there was a shuttle available to transport folks to the event. Some vendors felt it was a strain to move their products and have to park at a distance from the event. Golf carts and maybe a tractor may help.

The porta johns only had one roll of tissue in them and the dispensers were locked making it difficult to replace the toilet tissue. This information will be passed on to the vendor. Also it was noted that the lighting was poor on Friday evening and members may want to purchase stick on lights or ask if lights are available with the units.

Electric cords that were running over the field will need a runner or carpet or protective strips. Several people almost tripped over the cords and this is posing a safety issue for attendees.

A suggestion was made to have large sandwich boards or posters along various parts of the field to help people know the schedule of events. This would help since the announcements were not heard throughout the field area. Could there be a dedicated sound system just for the public announcements.

On a positive note, the recyclemobile was used well by patrons and that is a plus over previous years. The position of the unit was favorable this year.

More volunteers are needed for that day to assist with all the events.

Several owners attempted to bring their dogs onto the field. A review of the service dog requirement will be done and additional signage should be added to various entrances to the field. A large sign at the gate stating no dogs allowed may be effective.

Members talked about moving the event to either Sandlots or to the Hoyt's land on Odell Rd since there is more space. Pros and cons were discussed and no decision was made. This item will need to be discussed in more detail at a future meeting.

98

99 **Touch A Truck**

100

101 Despite about 20-25 vehicles that were supposed to show, only 7 showed. Next year, it may help  
102 if those who want to participate sign a registration form. Also more signage needs to be in the  
103 area since some said they didn't know where the event was being held.

104

105 **Rides**

106

107 Several parents complained that their children were unable for various reasons to wear the wrist  
108 bands for the bounce houses but they were told the wrist bands needed to be worn. Sgt. Bucu  
109 said he will investigate this and make any corrections needed with the explorers for next year.  
110 The explorers had a successful fundraiser and Sgt. Bucu thanked the committee and would like  
111 to be involved again next year.

112

113 Committee members felt the vendor for the inflatables was good and they will consider him  
114 again for next year. Members will not rent the carnival games package, however the Connect  
115 Four and the Jenga games are a possibility. Mini golf is another option to consider from this  
116 vendor.

117

118

119 **Parade**

120

121 Chief Gordon was a big help with the children's bike parade and committee members were  
122 appreciative. Note was taken that certain children were faster than others and measures need to  
123 be put into place to keep all the children together and at the same speed. Participation was good.

124

125

126 **Vendors**

127

128 The town received about \$1,400 in revenue from the vendors. Sgt. Bucu heard from several  
129 parents that a particular vendor would not replace broken toys that were broken from the time  
130 they opened the package. Erica will investigate this.

131

132

133 **Entertainment**

134

135 The entertainment including the bands was good this year. No one complained that the music  
136 was too loud. Patty said Let's Play Music would like to participate next year. Members talked  
137 about the idea of a country band for next year on Friday night and maybe have country line  
138 dancing instructors.

139

140 The members reviewed who would be asked to return for next year and the magician, balloon  
141 twister, birds of prey will all be asked to return. Next year the balloon twister wondered if she  
142 could be paid \$300 for the day and members felt that was reasonable.

143

144 **Citizen of the Year**

145

146 Recipients were happy with the event and with their gifts. The plaque was fixed and is now back  
147 in the Town Hall.

September 19, 2018 - Old Home Day Committee

148

149 **Warrant Article**

150

151 Members will ask for \$7,000 again for next year. If the members decide to change the revenue  
152 and ask for donations, the warrant article in 2020 should be reduced.

153

154 MOTION by Anthony LoConte to create a warrant article for \$7,000 for the Old Home Day Fall  
155 Festival

156 SECOND by Paula Gulla

157 MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

158

159 The event will be on 9/6 and 9/7 next year.

160

161 Mention was made that Michelle Tieman, the balloon twister stayed all day, never took a break  
162 and was a great addition to the event. Members agreed to give her a small token of appreciation.

163

164 MOTION by Pete Koester to give a \$30 gift certificate to Michelle Tieman, the balloon twister

165 SECOND by Patty Lakos

166 MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

167

168 Thank you letters will be sent out to those who helped with the event.

169

170 MOTION by Patty Lakos to adjourn the meeting

171 SECOND by Anthony LoConte

172 MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

173

174 The meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm

175

176

177 Respectfully submitted,

178

179

180

181 Paula M. Gulla

182 Recording Secretary