

Old Home Day Committee Minutes

April 9, 2014

The Old Home Day Committee met in the Whitney Hall Conference room on April 9. Those present included: Lori Bliss-Hill, Marjorie Carr, Andrea Gilbert, Janice Amaral, Becky Powell, Stephanie Hill, Shirley Green, and Meredith Smith, Chair.

Meredith gave a brief overview of the band concert (Huse Park) and chili cook-off (Methodist Church) to take place on Friday evening, July 25. She will check with Nancy White on a rain alternative since there will be a tent set up in the park.

There was lengthy discussion of the community dance, to be held in Huse Park on Saturday, July 26. The time for the dance was set at 7 PM, ending at 11 PM. This will enable people attending the barbeque in the Community Building to move directly to the dance. Stephanie Hill, Chair of the Dance Committee, will check with Pro-Mania tents to make sure the two 20 X 40 tents (@ \$325 each) can be set up side by side. There is some concern about marking the tent pegs to avoid people tripping on them. Lori Bliss-Hill described the various steps she needs to take in providing the beer tent (in the pavilion). She will take a course in alcohol management in Concord next week as part of the license required to serve beer off premises. The fee for the license is \$275 which the OHD Committee will pay from its funds. Meredith agreed to gather the necessary signatures from the police chief, fire chief, and health officer. The issue of sanitary facilities also was raised. There is one porta potty at the park and the rest rooms at the Community Building will be available. Meredith will check with Dolores Struckhoff on how many porta potties were at the park for the 250th celebration. Lori expressed some concern about the availability of the pavilion due to the Outing Club's yard sale on Saturday. The snow fence will be set up, as per regulations from the Liquor Commissioner, on Friday. Lori needs to know exactly when the pavilion will be available for set-up on Saturday. Stephanie agreed to check with David Stewart on this issue. Meredith agreed to send Stephanie and Lori David Stewart's email; also the email address of Jim Hollis. Meredith will also talk to Steve Schneider about police presence at the dance. It is hoped that the Rangers might provide their services to avoid police fees. Meredith will also speak to Paula Rowe about this.

The Enfield Shaker Museum will have special exhibits during Old Home Days. They will also offer free admission to Enfield residents. Meredith will clarify with Dolores Struckhoff if that applies to one day only or the entire three day celebration.

The Enfield Village Association will be hosting an open house at the newly opened EVA offices at the Greeley House. Once again, they will also create the very popular Enchanted Island as a children's event. Becky Powell, who almost

single handedly headed this effort last year, made an appeal for volunteers to assist her. Andrea Gilbert agreed to help. It is also hoped that the Recreation Department camp kids will make fairy houses for the island. Becky is coordinating that effort with Cindy Wells of the Recreation Department. Becky also made an appeal for “glittery things” and all types of “enchanted items”.

The Fire Department will once again provide a chicken barbeque in the Community Building on Saturday. Meredith will double check with Fred Cummings on the times for this event.

The Enfield Library will once again host their very popular ice cream social on Saturday afternoon (July 26). Beth Felix has agreed to do face painting for the children and various pre-schools will provide games and activities for the kids.

The Enfield Historical Society will create a typical school day, circa 1850, in their Lockhaven Schoolhouse. Francine Lozeau will be the “teacher” and head up this event. The date and time is to be determined.

The Enfield Conservation Commission will sponsor a guided hike up Shaker Mountain, headed by Alan Strickland. Becky Powell suggested that people be asked to have their dogs on leash at all times.

Meredith will check with Marcia Herrin to see if the Dog Park supporters will host a “dog event” as part of the celebration.

Shirley gave a brief fund raising report. She has raised over \$400 so far with many more business and sponsors to contact. She will also pursue List Serve announcements which to date have yielded several donations.

A discussion of the program cover resulted in a general agreement to have the events part of the program on the outside of the brochure with the business directory on the inside. This will probably mean doing the entire brochure on paper and not card stock as was done last year. The extra cost of color was also seen as an unnecessary expense.

Meeting was adjourned at 7 PM. Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 7.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair