

The Old Home Days Committee (OHDC) met on April 13, 2023 at 5:30 PM in the Community Building. Those in attendance: Shirley Green, Lisa Rinella, and Meredith Smith and guest Kevin Marker, Recreation Director. The resignation of Pam Smith was accepted with regret.

A discussion of possible alternatives for 2023 OHD celebration were presented. Choices were to cancel completely for 2023, proceed with a one-day event, or continue as previously planned. The discussion resulted in a vote taken to continue with the three-day celebration, albeit reduced from previous years.

Events Planned and Proposed: Events already planned or in place were discussed and approved. They include the Ice Cream Social, Picnic at Lakeside Park, Concert in Pavilion, Community Sailing, Lobster Bake or Barbeque, Dance at Stone Mill, and Conservation Hike. There was also a discussion of possible additional events which included Methodist Church Takeout Supper (Friday), Movie in the Park (Friday), Sporting Event, Arts and Crafts Fair/show, Fairy House Exhibit at Lakeside (Camp involvement), Walking Tour of Historic Downtown (EVA?), Open House at new Local Historic District buildings.

Sporting event: Kevin Marker said he would be unable to do a sports-related event. It was decided that an old-fashioned field day aimed at kids would work nicely for Saturday morning. The committee will try to find someone to head up this activity. Also discussed was the possibility of having camp kids or Beth Felix's day care make fairy houses to exhibit at Lakeside or Huse Park. Lisa Rinella will check with Beth Felix. Kevin Marker is concerned about the availability of camp assistants at this point to assist with fairy houses.

Lionesses: The question of whether the Lionesses would be doing their Town Wide Yard Sale (July 15) was raised. Meredith reported that she had been in touch with Nancy Charbono, Lioness President, at this time, they had not decided on the yard sale. \*Since the meeting, Meredith has again been in touch with Nancy. They may do a breakfast and/or bake sale on 7/15. A final decision will be made at their meeting on April 27.

Volunteers Needed: Meredith stressed the need for volunteers! Appeals will be sent out through Facebook and Listserv. Meredith will also appeal to the Heritage Commission since OHD evolved from Heritage.

Publicity: Lisa Rinella agreed to head up publicity. She will contact Dawn Archambault who headed publicity for last year's OHD and obtain logo, and any other relevant information.

Data Collection: It was suggested that an attempt be made at various events to gather information from the public as to what works and what doesn't. This has been done in the past but will be revived.

Next Meeting: May 3, 2023 DPW Building @ 5:30

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith