

**Town of Enfield Old Home Days Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 02, 2022

Meeting Time: 6:00 pm

Meeting Location: Enfield Department of Public Works Building

Members Present: Shirley Green, Kelly Rose, Meredith Smith, Dolores Struckhoff (co-chair), Misty Houston (co-chair)

Excused Members: Josh Adjutant, Dawn Archambault, Amber Bissonnette

Absent Members: None

Recorder: Kelly Rose

The Town of Enfield Old Home Days Committee was called to order by Dolores Struckhoff at 6:15 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the Enfield Department of Public Works Building.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
New Volunteer Introductions	No new volunteers	N/A
Approval of February Minutes	February minutes were sent via e-mail as well as via paper at the March meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approved as written.
What does “Old Home Days” Mean to Each of Us?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Misty: Nostalgia. Families who grew up in Enfield now have children of their own. It means going back and reminiscing about childhood and bring it forward to young children.• Kelly: Being still someone new to Enfield (8 years), Old Home Days is a great way to get out and explore things she’s not aware of like historical things and get a sense of community. The scavenger hunt from 2021 was great and taught us a lot.• Meredith: NH Governor Frank Rollins established Old Home Day in 1899. It was a time when people who moved away came back home. It means incorporating the past into today.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss event ideas at next meeting.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dolores: The 250th was a historical celebration of past and present. We should focus on that. • Shirley: Thinking back to childhood and friends she knew. Old Home Days was a great time for friends to come back to their hometown and get back together, hear what each other are doing. <p>Ideas that came from the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a lot of history in Enfield. A walking tour brochure already exists. In the mid 2000's, EVA sponsored walking tours using the brochure. Susan Hinman often dressed in period costumes to do the tours. Mary Ann Haagen also led these walking tours. We would like to include in 2022. Could this be combined with the Ice Cream Social. It would also be great to get an old fashioned ice cream making machine to have at the Ice Cream Social along with people in costume. • Another scavenger hunt with different location would be wonderful but including additional information about the spot/landmark would be very interesting. Possibly Heritage Committee can create this. Rollins Point would be a good spot to include on the scavenger hunt. • Recorded videos of community members, like old mill workers would be a great way to preserve Enfield's history. A similar video was created for the 250th. Could we have a screening of it? • For the 250th, people brought historical items to display like old post cards or shaker items. Screens were used for display and they may still be at the Shaker Museum. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Can the library support a display of historic Enfield? 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It would be nice to open up the Townhouse, Schoolhouse and Union Church. • We could host a potluck dinner and assign shaker style dishes (<i>Sign-up Genius</i> is a great way to organize potlucks). The potluck could be held on Sunday, as a closing event. The event would be free, participants are just asked to bring a dish. Held at the Community Building. • Canaan always has what they call “under the tent” for a few hours in the afternoon and people gather to talk. You can contribute photos and they display them on panels. Do we want to do something similar? • It would be fun to have old time games like hoola-hooping, marbles, and hoop throwing at the Country Fair. 	
Do we want a theme?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A theme would be hard to give to the overall weekend, since many activities are handled by various organizations but we would like to have a tag line. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One tagline option is “Connecting the Past with the Present” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brainstorm taglines and vote at next meeting
Select 2022 Old Home Days Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 23-25, 2022 were selected as the Old Home Days dates for 2022. • It was decided that Old Home Days should be held on the last full weekend of September every year, which will help with planning and ensure signage can be re-used. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
Agenda Items Pushed to April Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Schedule (Finalize activities, assign dates and times, review any updates and volunteers assigned to specific events) • Fundraising Report • Marketing – Think about how to market Old Home Days to those out of time, to invite them to come back for the weekend. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add to April meeting Agenda