

Old Home Days Committee Minutes

Wednesday September 1, 2021

Call meeting to order: 5:38PM

Attendees: Lori Bliss Hill, Shirley Green, Stephanie Hill, Ron Hill, Kristin Harrington, Amber Bissonnette

The committee talked about the meeting time and space, and decided they would stick with Wednesday at 5:30PM. We will continue to meet at Huse Park as long as the weather allows and assess the situation as the pandemic continues.

The recap of the 2021 event was positive; given the one-day format and the continued challenges of COVID, we were quite happy with the result.

The FY22 budget was discussed and it was decided that the committee would budget the entire amount in the account since it is roughly what we normally budget and with the format change, we do not have a good idea on expenses.

The committee started to talk about the Fall 2022 event. Saturday vs. Sunday was discussed as we are trying to avoid conflicting with too many other ongoing events, such as youth sports. After much back and forth, it was decided that the most logical course of action would be to create a survey to send out to residents to gauge interest in events as well as timing. Committee members are to send survey questions to Stephanie ahead of the next meeting.

Note that one possible event (suggested by Lori) is a Scarecrow Scavenger Hunt.

The committee also discussed reaching out to Helen Rock, who chairs the Canaan Old Home Days committee, to see if she could attend our next meeting to give insight on how they get buy-in from other town organizations. Lori was to be in contact with Helen.

In an effort to increase visibility, the committee also prepared remarks for Jack (Town Manager) to read at select board on our behalf as well as communication for the October Town Newsletter. Kristin would disseminate that information.

Lastly, the committee decided to move their supplies from the Shaker Ball Field storage to the EVA basement, given the condition of the former. The move will take place at 10:30AM on 9/11.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45PM

Action items: send survey questions to Stephanie