

Old Home Day - January 2024

Attendance: Adam Gauthier, Jaime Koladish, Melissa Babcock

The following people reached out and couldn't make it but do plan to still be on the committee: Joe Darrah, Tina and Roger Metcalf, Kathy Kelley.

There were two community members who reached out through Facebook about being interested in joining the committee—Melissa will reach out to them and individually invite to the next meeting.

It was asked if the group "has" to nominate board positions. The group would prefer not to. Melissa will reach out to Cara to get specific requirements since it's technically a town committee.

Date Set-- July 20th

There was a brief discussion to combine Old Home Day and Balloon Rally and possibly have the Old Home Day portion on Sunday. It was also mentioned that maybe Old Home Day could be combined with Homecoming in the fall instead. The history of the July date was not known by the members in attendance.

It was decided to keep it as its own event in July for this year and discuss the possibility of combining at our re-cap meeting in July/August.

Theme- a few suggestions came up and were discussed

Old Gnome Day- The Old home day float could be decorated with the gnomes dressed in themes from previous themes.

Adventure Begins with You/Choose your own Adventure—to include a possible town-wide campout at Drake's Field.

Halloween- This was a possible theme that Balloon Rally is considering.

Adventure Begins with You was the decided upon theme for 2024 Old Home Day

Melissa will reach out Denise at Granite Image about the save the date.

Melissa will reach out to school about facility usage agreement for Drake's Field and the town for Dustin's Park.

Activities-

Face painter is interested in coming back. Adam will reconnect with them now that we have a date. He will also reach out to Robbie Bartlett from NH Water Solutions about a possible sponsorship.

Adam has been in touch with the **caricature artist**. He will follow up with the date and also ask Joel Chagnon from Bell Brothers if he's interested in sponsoring again.

It's been recommended that we have **Sponsor signs made up from Granite Image to thank sponsors for these activities. Melissa will get sign pricing from Denise.

Worked out having these things set up by the **kids activities**.

Adam will talk to Noel about having some fill brought in to help with drainage when it rains.

Bike station was a hit and a good location.

Jaime will ask the charter school if they want to help run the **games**.

Minni said the **town beach** will open and offer the **BBQ** as usual. They're open to helping in any way possible. It was discussed that the timing seemed tough this year as lots of people stayed at the park and didn't make it to the BBQ or swim area before it closed up.

Jaimie took the list from Mark to start making connections and securing people now that a date has been set.

Vendors

Adam will plan to be the **central contact** for all vendors. Crafters, non-profit, etc.

It was mentioned that Food is also needed at Fireworks/concert.

Kona Ice was well received last year and Adam will invite again

Barnstead Ice Cream Truck- It was difficult last year with the way it worked out.

Other possible food trucks at Old Home Day- **The Gravy Train**

Check with **St. Stevens Church** about food

Would **PYW** want to offer food from their location?

A reminder that Food Trucks must get a permit through the town.

It was mentioned to have a "**Food truck adventure**"—at the town campout/concert/fireworks. Jaime has a friend with a food truck.

Snack food truck—**Baked and Brewed Organically Mood**

Journey's end for Latte's and such for the morning after.

Check with **Rotary** about offering breakfast Sunday---

Check with Fire Department about offering breakfast Saturday---

Brainstorm about the "Campout"-

Firefighters to oversee the campfires (portable firepits)

S'more kits and Hot dogs on a stick kits---could be a fundraiser for the committee

It was mentioned that the "Exotic pets/tortoise" at Balloon Rally was a hit a couple years ago. Jaime will ask Fallon

Melissa will secure fireworks-she has the contact from Mark.

Next Meeting – February 19th library 6pm- Possibly changing dates to 4th Monday of the month starting March

Melissa will start a New email chain with whoever is generally interested—she'll start by sending minutes from this meeting

We will continue to make updates to facebook and send information to The Post