**Old Home Day - April 2024**

**Attendance**: Adam Gauthier, Jaime Koladish, Melissa Babcock, Joe Darrah

Notes- Jay Darrah, Kathy Kelley couldn’t make it but emailed that they’ll still be involved. Ashley Perron is also interested in joining.

**Official Date Set:** Saturday, July 20th

**Theme:** *Adventure Begins with You*

**New Talking Points**

**Committee/Town Email--** [**pittsfieldoldhomeday@pittsfieldnh.gov**](mailto:pittsfieldoldhomeday@pittsfieldnh.gov)**.** Cara said this email must be used for correspondence in the future. Melissa will reach out to Cara for clarification.

**Shirts-** Jaime has sent a request to Shirtmasters but hasn’t heard back. Joe mentioned that Say it in Stitches is another option and they may be more apt to help with a smaller order—They’re located on Hall Street in Concord.

**Flyers-** Should get printed soon from Granite Image to hang up around town.Melissa will reach out to Denise and find out what other information we need to confirm prior to printing.

**Parade**

**Parade Participants-** Joe has mentioned the event to local chiefs. Melissa will send him the save the date made by Granite Image to be texted from Joe this week.

**Parade Route-** Town form has been approved, state form being sent in this week.

**National Anthem**- Kathy Kelley committed to singing the National Anthem.

**Hollis Town Band for the Parade--** Jaime has confirmed. Cost is $750. Jaime will ask for contract. Joe has confirmed Scott Aubertin for the low trailer.

**Kids bike parade**— No update at this time. Jaime will touch base with PYW to see if they may be interested in this activity and utilize Northway in a different place.

**Bektash**—Mini Monster Trucks are available for $400. Corvettes are available, all set—parade agreement for corvettes will be sent to town hall.

**Color Guard-** The contact on the list for a local Bektash Color Guard wasn’t working but Jaime emailed the hub hoping for a response. She will also check with Luke about getting one from the National Guard. It was mentioned that Fallon may be a good contact to get one from the prison.

**Announcer-** Stan will do the announcing again this year. If there’s anyone else interested, it would be great to have someone shadow him this year. Please have names/ideas of potential announcers for our next meeting.

**Judges-** Joe confirmed that Mark and Andi will judge the parade.

**Crown Trophy—**Trophies for Car Show-- ?

For a change this year, we will be giving framed certificates to the winners of the parade along with engraved carabiners with “Pittsfield Old Home Day 2024” for each person in the group.

Certificate framed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, -- Blue carabiners order 250 (minimum required). “Pittsfield Old Home Day 2024”. Melissa will order and print certificates and frame them.

**Dustin’s Park**

**Park Street Babtist Church (Breakfast)—**still has not responded

**Breakfast-** Fire department has already started advertising a breakfast for 7/20. Melissa will talk to Laurie/Pete about possibly moving it up to Dustins for to keep the breakfast as part of the Old Home Day. PYW has mentioned FD could use their space/they could work together?

**St. Stephens-** Committed

**Porta potty -** Adam will check with Gosse and ask about a discount on pricing if we have two porta potties or the possibility of moving the one from Dustin’s to Drake’s for the evening activities.

**Balloon Twisting-** Melissa has heard back from a few new potential balloonist. The cost may be about 100 more than JuJu. The group agreed it was ok to lock someone in at that price. 9am- 11am- up to $200 per hour. Must pay 50% to lock it in.

**Cook off-** S’more Sweet Adventures—Victory Workers will cover this once again.

**Car Show vs. Touch a Truck-** Joe has mentioned the event to local people who have participated in the past. Melissa will send him the Save the Date so he can text it to folks… He’s also trying to get some of the town municipalities to take part (highway, police and fire)

**Coke banners**- Melissa will ask Pat at Danis.

**Sponsor signs**- Melissa shared updated pricing for signs from Granite Image. The “rider signs” pricing looked high she will reach out again for clarification from Denise.

**Music-** Don smith and Jackie lee are both signed up for music. -- Don Smith is confirmed for 10-11. Jackie Lee is confirmed for 11:30-1. She has her own sound system and is more than willing to share with us for the parade announcing

**Dunk Tank**-- PYBA has a dunk tank. They are not able to commit to setting it up that day but are willing to let another group use it if anyone’s interested. Melissa will start by asking the school for leads.

**Karate Demo** – Have reached out. They are interested but checking with their students to make sure there’s enough interest before committing. It was mentioned to also offer a possible demo time while waiting for fireworks.

**Vendors**

**Flyer-** Melissa will ask Denise to make minor changes to the current flyer/image so Adam can use for vendor advertising.

**Kona Ice** - Have committed!

**Chris Weir—**Chichester resident**–** Adam will check back in

**NH Food bank food truck/Culinary—**Adam got contact info at Fish and Game Wild NH Day. He’ll be reaching out

**Smoker to Table--** Texas style BBQ. Currently waiting for application from Food Vendor—. (for Main Street and maybe evening at Drake’s)

**Axe Throwing--** Adam saw at Wild NH Day- he will see if they’re available. And if so, will check with town for liability.

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

**Forest B. Argue**

**Little Red Wagon—**Confirmed for 2pm- “Treasure Island” Program.

**Animal Guy –** confirmed for 1-145pm

**BBQ**- Minni said the town beach will be open and offer the BBQ as usual. They’ve offered to help in any way possible. The committee discussed that the timing seemed tough last year as lots of people stayed at the park and didn’t make it to the BBQ or swim area before it closed up. Since the vendor fair and Main Street events were a hit last year and folks lingered after the parade, can the Beach Area be opened from 12-3 at minimum?

**Drake’s Field—**

**Camp Out at Drakes-** has been approved by the schoolboard. The Superintendent will be working with the fire department for the campfire permit.Committee members will have to get down there soon to mark out how big spots will be and how many we can fit so we can start advertising.

**Nevers Band-** Initialemail contact didn’t work. Jaime has a phone number and will try it.

**Softball game-** 4pmJoe said it didn’t seem like the Police vs. Fire game was likely. It still would be nice to have something happening down at the park in the afternoon before the fireworks. School/Students vs. Community Members. Kick ball? Also encourage families to bring yard Games-- Melissa will reach out to school to see if they have any ideas—maybe a coach would like to encourage something?

**Citizens of the Year-** Do it at parade only-- No need to do it at Drakes also.

**Boston Cane Presentation-** will need to discuss at next meeting.

**Fireworks**- The contract has been sent to Cara for signature. The company did put a clause in the 3-year contract. They have moved the fireworks set up to the side of the to better accommodate the camping for this year. They said the grandstands will still be accessible for viewing along with much of the soccer field area and hill near tennis courts.

**K-9 Show—** Possibly before fireworks, to fill a time slot? Joe will talk to Jay

**Porta Potty—**Adam will get quotes on porta potty for field. Grandstand bathroom will be open until after fireworks but then closed for the night and campers will be encouraged to use porta-potty.

**Waiver-** Adam will draft a camping waiver for us to view next meeting.

**Breakfast Sunday--** Fire Department? Rotary? Breakfast Food Truck? PYW?

**S’mores kits--** Jaime will make some up. They will be free for campers and can be purchased by others at the fireworks.

**Next Meeting** –

Future Meetings will be the 4th Monday of each month. May 27 at 6pm. Josiah Carpenter Library

We will continue to make updates to Facebook and send information to The Post.

When we get closer to the event and have to meet more than monthly, it was mentioned that we should meet at Diomede’s.