

Old Home Day Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Sunday, July 10, 2022, 5:00 PM

Location: Plaistow Town Hall Annex, Elm, Plaistow, NH

Call to Order: (not recorded)

1. Attendance:
 - a. Members: Shauna Manthorn (Chair), Roy Walling III (Vice Chair), Leah MacKean (Secretary), Bill Coye (BOS Representative), Jennifer Gusler (Recreation Department Director), Kate Sherman-DeRoche, Dawn Williams, Maryann White (alt)
 - b. Absent Members: Bob Fairhurst, Christina Cruz (alt), Jennifer Bird
 - c. Guests: Chief Chris Knutsen
2. Introductions: N/A
3. Approval Minutes: June 13, 2022 (tabled until September meeting)
4. Plaistow Emergency Management
 - a. Keeping radios – worked well for communication purposes
 - i. Had some difficulty at parade start – communication gap
 - b. Vendor packets received well
 - c. Continued communication with state meteorologist re: fireworks planning
 - d. Code Red well received, as well – continue town subscription
 - e. Future – need to get not only the registrant’s phone contact but also the phone contact of the person that will be working the event (if different)
5. Plaistow Fire
 - a. Fireworks went well
 - b. No concerns
6. Plaistow Police
 - a. Work on where to close down in the future
 - b. Include Animal Control Officer(s) in planning for the day
 - c. Consider investing in signs to be posted around Town Hall Green “No Dogs Allowed at Event”
7. Plaistow Highway
 - a. Wants to consider replacing trailer as it is very large and cumbersome
8. Road Race
 - a. Only positive feedback
 - b. Good participation
9. Contests
 - a. Beard – poor participation; agreeable to next year; need to advertise
 - b. Baby – went well; judges requesting to come back next year
 - c. Trivia – slow increase in participation; will keep Historical Society involved
10. Vendors/Entertainment
 - a. Will need map adjustment
 - b. Eventbrite vs My Rec for future registration
 - c. Give people the option to request sites: 1st, 2nd, 3rd choices – no guarantees
 - d. No electricity for food vendors in the future
 - e. Limited electricity otherwise
 - f. ? increase electrical availability; will need to discuss with BOS/town
 - g. Will adjust fire inspection times
 - h. People were appreciative of FREE games and activities

- i. Tomaso to be involved next year!
- j. "Plaistow's 15 Minutes of Fame"
- k. Potential stage fill-ins with family-friendly show
- l. Discuss Vendor parking
- m. Volunteer advertising

11. Raffles

- a. Needs own sub-committee

12. Parade

- a. New parade viewing stand
- b. Increase the number of bands
- c. Move Cycling Murrays up in parade
- d. Restrict flyers (some negative feedback)
- e. May adjust the timing for parade route arrival
- f. Bus transportation worked out well
- g. Discuss opening Library bathrooms

Next Meetings: Tuesday September 20, 2022 at 6:30 PM

- Plan re-org
- Discuss a fall date
- Review parking
- New e-mail (do not have access to old e-mail account)
- Review Bylaws
- Update Social Media
- Clarify position with Recreation Commission

Meeting Dismissed (not recorded)