

Plaistow Old Home Day Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Monday, January 30, 2023 6:30 PM

Location: Plaistow Town Hall Annex, 14 Elm Street, Plaistow, NH

Call to Order: 6:27 PM

1. Attendance
 - a. Present: Shauna Manthorn (Chair), Roy Walling III (Vice Chair), Leah MacKean (Secretary), Jennifer Gusler (Recreation Director/Town-Appointed Liaison), Bill Coye (Board of Selectmen Liaison), Kate Sherman-DeRoche, Bob Fairhurst, Matt Hill (public guest w/ interest)
 - b. Absent: Dawn Williams, Jen Bird (no communication), Christina Cruz, Maryann White
2. Introductions – Matt Hill; local resident looking to join alternating weeks with his wife, Krista Hill
3. Public Comment – N/A
4. Meeting Minutes – table minutes until February; will resend to members
5. Town Report – submitted 1/9/23; see attached
6. Communication
 - a. OHD E-Mail Address – oldhomeday@plaistow.com
 - b. Facebook Page – admins adjusted/updated, will add Roy
 - c. My Rec – setup information has been sent to appropriate users
7. Budget
 - a. Must-Haves
 - i. Will start to confirm with different POCs
 1. Fireworks – price has increased slightly – will reserve
 2. Port-a-potties – Pete’s (already in communication)
 3. Dumpster – must have
 4. Tent/Stage – Grand Rental
 5. DJ Rick O’Shea – will reserve
 6. Caricaturist – has already reached out; will reserve
 7. Rock Wall – will reserve
 8. ? UFO games for the same games or change it up – TBD
 9. Face painting – will need to find alternative painter; will reach out to some local talent
 10. Music – for backside of Town Hall – 2nd DJ vs playlist with speakers; will price and consider options
 11. Trackless Train – TBD
 - b. Finalize Ordering/Scheduling Deadlines (see above)
 - c. Current Budget: \$20,000

- d. Warrant Article 2023: \$2,892 (total profit from 2022 OHD); requesting amount be moved into OHD Budget
- 8. Fundraising
 - a. Plaistow Lions Club Meat Raffle via Friends of Plaistow Recreation
 - i. Lions Club in conjunction with the American Legion and Friends of Plaistow Recreation as a benefit for Old Home Day
 - ii. Plan Friday 3/10/23 6-8 PM
 - iii. Cost approximately \$300 for meat
 - iv. Other costs: raffle baskets and raffle alcohol will be needed; potentially hiring band for entertainment
 - v. Will need manpower
 - b. FOPR – maybe create a letter to “Sponsor a Game” for OHD and have the games paid for while promoting local businesses
- 9. Theme – will need to discuss further; potential ideas floating around
- 10. Subcommittee Updates
 - a. Road Race – Bob – looking into New England 65+ Runners Club; some things required to make this a qualified race (certified race, discount, will need to break up brackets into every 5 year age increments, trophies and/or medals); will work on DOT permits sooner than later to have them in place
 - b. Contests – Shauna – Baby Contest will have same three judges, will be meeting to discuss further re: prizes; Beard Contest – people have been showing interest, will reach out to Keith Smith (Barber Smith) to see if he is on board this year; Historical Society is participating in OHD again this year with bigger and better contest ideas
 - c. Vendors – no update at this time; will need to confirm PDF form of application and check with My Rec re: online application format; will work on publicizing soon
 - d. Entertainment – Will schedule the DJ, Rock Wall and work on games
 - e. Raffles – Dawn and Jen Bird have many new ideas for table organization; will reach out to Plaistow Fire Association and Plaistow PD Association to see if they would be willing to donate prizes (potentially Power Wheels)
 - f. Parade – have some people who have already “Saved the Date”; working on sending letters out next week
 - g. Other Business
 - i. Car Show – Rob West willing to work towards bringing it back
 - 1. Will need to work on location
 - 2. Will the cars be willing to be in the parade as well
 - ii. 2024 OHD
 - 1. Happy 275th Birthday, Plaistow
 - 2. Historical Society working to get things planned now as things are already booking out (Erica)
 - 3. Will try to work on some old-fashioned ideas (Cow-Paddy Bingo, Old-Time Photo Booth, FD Muster (will discuss with FD), potentially a beer tent (will work with insurance) and other old town traditions
 - 4. Trying for a whole weekend event

- iii. If Krista and/or Matt Hill would like to be official alternates to the OHD committee, will need letters of intent and then they will have to go for approval with BOS
- iv. Will verify date of BOS approval of updated Bylaws and Constitution and update for finalized version

Next meeting(s): Meetings will be held at Plaistow Town Hall, 145 Main Street, Plaistow

Current planned meetings (subject to change):

- Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Dismissed: 7:38 PM

This meeting is dedicated to “serving tradition” as the late, great John Blinn Sr. would say. Thank you for helping and guiding us to make our next Old Home Day a great one!