



Town of Whitingham

Old Home Week 2026 Committee

Old Home Week 2026 Minutes of 08.14.25

Date

8/14/25

Attendees:

Zoom: Craig, Kristine

In Person: Kate, Gig, Stacy, Amy, Madeline, Joan B., Lois, Aimee, Laura, Joe

Agenda

Committee / Budget updates

General -

We need food vendors from 12 - 9 Fri/ 12 - 7 Sat.

OUTREACH TO INCLUDE - INTEREST, TIMING, ANY REQUIREMENTS

Food trucks/food tents, etc - Aimee to reach out for some options

Madeline to send over suggested list

Kate suggestions - Nomad Whitingham, Shital

Kristine - Jax General/Halifax Store, North River, Ed Metcalfe - liquor license issue on school grounds

Lois. North River Bakery for Breakfast - Whitingham Ladies Benevolent

Larger meals we need to set up - BBQ? (Lions / Fire department / Halifax)

Pancake Breakfast, Joan looking into breakfast plan - Easy Riders

Sunday Ice Cream/Pizza.

Registration - lanyard with schedule and qr code for photos - collect emails to make 10 years from now easier for outreach?

Raffle at registration - pre registration

Does it make sense for registration to be at the municipal center or school? - Keep at School other than satellite

Discuss art project - Aysha, Martha Phelps - Amy to reach out

What events need sign up? Can we send out 1 mailer with any/all home info?

- Fireworks donation

- Parade/Children's Parade Sign up

Mailers could go out with

Annual Appeal library- Sept/Oct 1200

Annual newsletter Jan - Gig

When and who starts talking to police about road closures - Selectman vote on road closures around old home - Do it from State - Start process
Parade committee to draw map and start process

Parking mgt - Mark Lennihan - Bobby Edwards - Volunteer (Fireworks and parade)

Trash plan - transfer station - event planning - compost - Gig looking into
Electrician - power - Amy looking into
Sound system - Kate looking into

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Events - Discussion of guest artists - current schedule we would 8-10 acts with 2 larger ones (one could be a dance session, ie. square/swing)
Line dance - Whisky treaty road show as headline - / Boyd
Madeline and Amy to connect separately
Maybe less acts for longer durations

Scavenger hunt - tap into someone to create for town exploration - any takers - Lois - hole punch - use historic tour map - old cemeteries Bingo - prize

Need to start thinking about satellite events -
Pickle Ball, yoga, guided hikes Big Boulder - mark/signage / Dam run (Vast) - trail clearing, beer/cider tasting? - maple tasting/baking -
Disc Golf course? Corey Calfort in yard / Joel- old PT teacher could help

Time capsule? - open up at another OHW

Moover - flexible but not overly flexible

Parade - Sign up process - sign up sheet - bulk mail out -
list of local businesses - reps march in parade - yes out of town (fire/rescue especially as mutual aid) too potentially (oldest/younger residence)
Native American affair write up - research Abenaki tribe - involve them
2 sound systems needed

Beautification - still need a lead and ideas of what to do for the town -

Children's Events / Parade - Jordan - connect with library
10am on Friday - Parade - Library involved
Need to discuss children's area - events
Face painter -
Arts and crafts - Library to provide but not staff -
Foam (suds/bubbles) party - \$300 per hour plus 150 (Wilmington - Ricky Boyd looking into purchasing
Etc.

Publicity - alternate logos to use for different cases Photos - link to event - no memory book Visual Identity in progress Needed graphic list to follow Front Porch Forum - Banners - size and where - Riggs, town building, Wayne Corse barn - up in Spring Community Sponsors - tie town into event Take home program - Creating swag - Newsletter Mailer - stand alone - or with other town mailers - maybe 3 in the year Take ownership for advertising - Chamber Rotary - distribution			
Logistics - Setting up a meeting with twin Valley new contact to walk space and layout event - timing tbd Once layout is set infrastructure will be bid out (tents/etc) - Dottie Fisher contact - email sent			
Fundraising - online store - potentially to be created for a larger range of Merch - print to order Tshirts - other swag - onsite available			
Schedule WIP			
With Moover onboard do we want to move any activities? - No current need for this yet.			
Next Steps / Other			
Website - process for updates - real-time needed funnel through Gig - story board - IG setting up through town - Gig and Stacy meeting after labor day			
Meeting Cadence - monthly check in with committee leads - monthly meeting			
Need 9/27 - anyone to run the booth at Harvest Festival? Raffle for firework donations? 50/50?			
Library has Halloween booth - as well on October 31 - Municipal center -			
Quilt for a raffle -TBD			