



Town of Whitingham

Old Home Week 2026 Committee

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Date	7/18/24
Attendees:	
Zoom: Craig, Helena	
In Person: Amy, Gig, Aimee, Stacy, Madeline, Joan, Lois	
Agenda	
Committee / Budget updates	
Fireworks - Looking at 20k - 25k, Committee will begin fundraising for 5k-10k in 2025	
Events - Local talent search began- 10 different connects might be of interest Jacksonville blues band Rocking Rod Skippy Durfey Master Dix Overdrive Spotlight Karaoke The Ed Tyler Colford Andrew Palumbo Senecal Bros We need to send a schedule to the bands so they can commit. KERRY - Any feedback if Matt and Kim have a preference of evening as we want to work around them	
Parade - Bands contacted - Springfield Kiltie - Scottish highlander \$1200 right now include travel, marching bands on hold until school season, - Shriners - 1000. Floats - Fire departments - different categories - ribbons or trophies with money. Traffic control might be a high allowance. Parade bands contact "January 2026" Possibly use ATV's instead of golfcart rental Total budget 18,750 right now with some placeholders - perhaps some redundancy in other areas Sign-up sheet for floats discussed - paper and online - will need to have rules, regulations and any feedback from Native affairs	
Beautification - Laura Allen on committee, Madeline to reach out to Tonya Bernard to see if interested in leading	
General - Aimee Reed is joining this committee. Yay! Reached out to Moover to see about transport options 7 porta - Johns assumed	

Tent companies to be reached out to: Easy Way - Bennington, Hilltown - MA, West Country - MA
See if we can consolidate rentals under this category to free up budget in other areas.

Children's Events / Parade - Joan - only 48 dollars spent last time for ice cream! So low budget! Perhaps event rental company can take on kids events too?

Publicity - Join Chamber (town funding) - lists of assets, mailings? Susan Johnson/Louis Libby to help with copy potentially.

need to mail and online - Sadawga town news is possible place to outreach, town report, tax bills -

Randy Capitani - program with ads will do again - funds itself

Canva subscription for content creation to be added to the budget

Blueberry Festival

Set up at 3 on Friday 7/26

Tent / tables from municipal center Gretchen to bring tent - Gig might be available to help set u

Banners - PLEASE SEND FEEDBACK ASAP! Just respond with 1 - 6. 1 being top and 6 being bottom



Magnets - ordered - will arrive Wednesday.

Raffle fundraiser for later events? Harvest Festival October 5th. 3 basket goal for a basket raffle? Any volunteers to take on?
Gretchen offered to represent - any other takers? Hours are 4-7 if anyone can come help!
Amy to make sign-up sheet for volunteers
Do we start taking donations? - Not yet
Budget - See Notes above
Purchasing rules for town of Whitingham \$5,000 - 15,000 2 verbal quotes, \$15,001-20,000 2 written quotes, \$20,000 - 29,999 3 formal bids
I think this will apply to Fireworks and event rentals. Please reach out to Gig with questions.
Publicity
Website Update ? - still in progress
IG - still in progress - need separate email. Gig and Stacy looking into what email makes sense.
Next Steps / Other
set up next meeting - Nov? Will focus on budgets and schedule
time capsule
scavenger hunt
geocaching
jack fines food is interested
"ice cream" social - 85 club - historical with sheet cake
food truck rally - Friday
wall in town hill, fire department wall for art project
School buses - tour of the town
alumni baseball
cornhole/horseshoe
other groups to help (parking - hospitality)
quilt raffle
Fewer, better things!

