



September 10, 2010

Re: The Community Events Organization "CEO"

Dear Selectmen, Residents and Taxpayers of Stoddard,

We are writing this letter in hopes it gets into the selectmen's minutes and the town's web-site so all can see it. Ed and Ginger Saleski, president and secretary of the CEO are stepping down so they have more free time to visit their families in CA, OH and MO and to dedicate their time to the many other activities and organizations in which they participate. Since telling the committee many others also want to step down. A few would like to see it continue but are not willing to take over. None of us want to see the CEO programs stop, we love this town and community. Most of us have been on this committee from 5 to 10 years and are just worn out. We are mostly retired people and don't want to spend our whole retirement running activities for the town. You can see that most of names on this committee are also very busy on other committees in town and will continue to be so.

In order to run Old Home days we must have dinners, breakfasts and a raffle besides the donation letter to make enough money to keep running. Since we are not a committee of the town we do not receive any money from the town to run our activities and to purchase liability insurance to cover us and the Stymests for the use of the their property. Between the Halloween, Christmas and Ice Skating Parties and updating mailing lists, designing and printing mailings and flyers we have very little time to take a break. Most of the entertainment must be contacted by January to reserve the Old Home Day date in July.

Our recommendations include finding new people to run the CEO or having the town recreation committee take over the running of these activities. The recreation committee would not have to raise money that is very time consuming to run these activities if the money was put into the town budget. If someone is willing to take over the CEO or if the town recreation committee with town support will take over some of us are willing to stay on as advisors until they can run it on their own.

We are truly sorry we have to send this letter but we will help anyone who keeps Old Home Days and the many other activities alive.

Sincerely,

Ed Saleski, Ginger Saleski, Bev Gay, Amy Rokoszak, Mary Lou Stymest, Carol Clark, Dave Costin, Claire Costin, Barbara Rockwell, Pat Bassett, Pete Bassett, Angel Nicoletti, Linda Stevenson, Gae Borland, and Anne O'Brien.