

Town of Sturbridge
Special Events Committee Minutes
April 9, 2019

Present: Lisa Beaudin, K. Carey, M. Dowling, S. Nasto, A. Roscioli

Others present: K. Filchak

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by A. Rocioli

Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2019 was tabled until the next scheduled meeting.

K. Filchak and A. Roscioli began the meeting with an update on the Community Bonfire scheduled for April 25th on the Sturbridge Town Common.

A. Roscioli confirmed that she secured the band for the evening. K. Filchak stated that he contacted food vendors from the Farmers Market and that he secured several for the event, including, all those listed on the flyer, distributed at the meeting. K. Filchak and A. Roscioli agreed that only food vendors would be present so the area would not be too crowded. The Committee agreed. He also indicated that there were no issues with parking, Fire, or Police, and that the basically the event is ready to move forward. He indicated that T. Chamberland was getting the wood from the tree cutting in town and that the DPW would be building the fire.

L. Beaudin inquired about the expenses. K. Filchak estimated that the total cost would be approximately \$1,100, which included the cost of the band and 3 FF and 1 Police Officer, which was the staff required at the fall bonfire. He indicated that the Committee has about \$392 in Betterment left and \$1500 allocated for this fiscal year from the STA.

Attention turned to promotion of the event. A. Roscioli stated that the event was posted on facebook and there were 488 interested thus far. L. Beaudin suggested that the flyer be left at various locations in town, including the schools. S. Nasto said that she will check with the Senior Center about posting the flyer as well. K. Carey suggested that the food vendors participating share the event with their e-mail lists as well.

K. Filchak provided a brief update on the Farmer's Market. There are a total of 77 vendors participating, and the event will run from June 9 to October 6, from 9-1. Like last year, K. Filchak confirmed that all vendors would secure their own insurance policies. The Committee expressed excitement with its second year.

Attention then turned to other events that the Committee could sponsor this calendar year. After a lengthy discussion of possibilities, K. Carey suggested a family fun day, or "spring day" on the Common to kick off the beginning of summer. The idea was warmly received. It is relatively low in cost and an increasingly popular type of activity for all ages. Various lawn games such as corn hole, spike ball, egg toss, Kam Jam, ladder game, and others were discussed. The Committee agreed to tentative dates, including June 15 and June 29. The Committee also agreed to the hours of 11-3. More discussion about the details would be pursued at the next meeting.

Motion by S. Nasto to Adjourn, seconded by L. Beaudin

All in favor: 5-0

The meeting ended at approximately 7:17 p.m.

The next meeting of the SEC is scheduled for May 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting shall convene in the Center Office Building.

Minutes prepared by Clerk M. Dowling

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