

**Town of Sturbridge  
Special Events Committee Minutes  
September 9, 2019**

Present: L. Beaudin, M. Dowling, S. Nasto, A. Roscioli

Absent: K. Carey

Others present: K. Filchak, Christine Neslusan

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by A. Roscioli

**Motion by A. Roscioli to accept the meeting minutes of August 13, 2019, seconded by L. Beaudin  
All in favor. 4-0**

K. Filchak introduced Christine Neslusan as the town's Race Director for the upcoming November 5K road race. Christine provided some background information about herself, including, that she is a Sturbridge resident, has 3 children, and is the Race Director for the Burgess 5K as well. She stated that she met with the Veteran's Agent about the purpose of the race.

K. Filchak and A. Roscioli are working on the financial aspects of the race including what 3<sup>rd</sup> party will accept the entry fees and any donations associated with the race. K. Filchak stated that one possibility would be to work with a veteran's group from Worcester and another would be to work locally with the Friends of the Senior Center, as many veterans of Sturbridge are Seniors as well. K. Filchak stated that the town should know by Friday whether or not the Worcester Veteran's group is interested. All agreed that if no response is obtained by Friday, they would pursue the Friends of the Senior Center option. SEC members agreed and pointed out that staying local has advantages in terms of planning and overall purpose.

SEC members discussed the route of the 5K. C. Neslusan recommended starting at the Town Common and looping around Farquhar Rd and Route 15. She suggested beginning the race along Route 131 to Farquhar Rd rather than the opposite way for several reasons, primarily, because it will be a shorter duration of time that Route 131 will be impacted with the runners all beginning at about the same time. SEC members agreed.

M. Dowling stated that her husband's business has been donating the prizes for the Southbridge Veteran's 4<sup>th</sup> of July road race through the Race Director and stated that, if the SEC and Race Director were interested, he would volunteer his services again. She then showed the members the medal and inscribed glass pitcher, which were the prizes for 2018 and 2019, respectively.

M. Dowling left the meeting at 6:25p.m. to attend the BOS meeting that was beginning in the Town Hall. The Committee then continued to discuss the details of the road race with C. Neslusan. L. Beaudin stated that she felt more comfortable waiting for a second meeting where M. Dowling was available, as she hold the running experience and has better knowledge of the event and expectations. Due to time, the Committee postponed further discussion on Agenda items until the next meeting.

The next meeting of the SEC was tentatively scheduled for September 17, 2019, at 5:30 p.m.

**Motion by L Beaduin to adjourn, seconded by S. Nasto.**  
**All in favor 3-0.**

The meeting ended at approximately 6:45pm

Minutes prepared by Clerk M. Dowling and by Chair A. Roscioli

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