

**Town of Sturbridge
Special Events Committee Minutes
September 17, 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

Approval of Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2017 was tabled until the next meeting, dated to be determined.

K. Filchak provided the Treasurer's Report. No current expenses although a few charges are pending. He stated that the SEC has roughly \$4400 to spend (\$1500 for each bonfire, \$200 for Farmer's Market website, and \$1200 for road race.) These are approximate amounts only. The collared Town of Sturbridge shirts were distributed to members, and the cost is \$70.71.

The members discussed at length the road race with C. Neslusan, the Race Director. She began the discussion by wanting to talk about what the members' expectations were as well as her expectations as Race Director. Committee members discussed some of the positive and negative attributes of the previous ½ marathon road race that it co-sponsored in 2018. C. Neslusan stated that A. Roscioli, K. Filchak, and L. Wong met with the liaison from the Friends of the Senior Group and that they are excited about working/partnering with us. C. Neslusan stated that the timing agency will want a deposit up front for the expenses it will incur.

Roscioli explained that any proceeds, above expenses, could be donated this year to a local veteran's agency. She stated that she spoke with B. Barry, the Finance Director, and the Veteran's Agent and both agreed that it will take time to set up an application process if we wanted the money to benefit a Sturbridge family this year. Given the timing of the event, this could be accomplished next year, but not this year. SEC members agreed. SEC members suggested that the SEC could defer to the Veteran's Agent with respect to which veteran's charity he recommends for this year.

The cost of the police detail was then discussed. S. Nasto suggested that police offers be approached to donate their time. M. Dowling stated that this arrangement would have to go before the Union and that it was her understanding that last year the Union did not respond to the previous Race Director's similar request. M. Dowling suggested that some of the cost for overtime might come from the Betterment Funds earmarked for the Police Department. K. Filchak stated that he would look into it, but that the allotment may already be committed for this year.

M. Dowling left the meeting at approximately 6:41 pm. The Committee further discussed the road race and details with C. Neslusan, the Race Director. The Committee determined that the next step will be a joint meeting with C. Neslusan, Staff, the VA Agent, and Friends of the Senior Center. The date

discussed was September 23, 2019. The Committee thanked C. Neslusan for her help and efforts on this event.

The Committee then discussed the Town Bonfire and its rescheduled date for October 24, 2019. This new date is pending a reduction in the risk category for EEE. A. Roscioli confirmed that the band and food vendors are able to accommodate the new date. A. Roscioli requested that the Committee fund a minimum of one ADA portable toilet for this event.

**Motion by A. Roscioli to purchase one portable toilet for the Town Bonfire, seconded by L. Beaudin
All in Favor: 3-0**

The next meeting of the SEC was scheduled for October 1, 2019, at 5:30 p.m.

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

The meeting ended at approximately 7:08 pm.

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

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