

Town of Sturbridge

Special Events Committee Minutes

February 13, 2018

Present: Mary Dowling, Alexandra (Sandra) Nasto, Annie Roscio Absent:

Absent: L. Beaudin, Angela Zanolli

Others present: K. Filchak

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 by Annie Roscioli

Motion by A. Roscioli, to accept the meeting minutes of January 9, 2017, seconded by S. Nasto.

All in favor. 3-0.

K. Filchak gave an update on the farmer's market. He informed our members that the Farmer Market Committee's (FMC) next meeting is scheduled for February 22. He stated that the FMC is still looking for additional volunteers. He stated that L. Beaudin has joined the FMC. S. Nasto indicated that she would like to join it as well. K. Filchak stated that there will be no fee for vendors to participate in the farmer's market this year and that vendors will come from Sturbridge and beyond as the FMC believes that limiting vendors to Sturbridge only would be too limiting. K. Filchak stated that the FMC narrowed the possible sites to 3, including the Publick House, the Host, and the Town Common. The FMC rated each possible location and decided that the Publick House would be the best for a variety of reasons, including, a large parking lot and freedom to grow and expand. He further stated that signs could be placed on the Town Common directing attendees to go across the street. S. Nasto inquired about insurance. K. Filchak responded that they were still looking into that and waiting to hear back from town counsel. S. Nasto also inquired about police duty and K. Filchak responded that it would not be a problem.

K. Filchak and M. Dowling gave an update on the Rick Hoyt Sturbridge ½ Marathon. M. Dowling indicated that Team Hoyt was very excited about it as well as Venture. It will be scheduled most likely in September, but awaiting feedback on the specific dates discussed.

K. Filchack stated that the Committee should begin to think about more special events for the year that may not require a lot of planning. Members discussed having businesses participate in a challenge/competition to see who can best landscape/beautify their businesses for the spring season and then to offer some type of award to the winner. M. Dowling suggested calling it "Spring into Sturbridge." K. Filchak suggested that the "winner" could perhaps get its logo on the Team Hoyt shirts. Members agreed to pursue this idea further at the next meeting.

Members agreed that the next meeting would be held on March 13, 2018 at 6:00.

Motion to Adjourn A. Roscioli, seconded S. Nasto. All in favor, 3-0.