



Committee Meeting Notes

March 15, 2022

Next Meeting: April 5th 6:30 PM

Meeting Attendees:

Janice Hayward, Kathy McLaughlin, Susan & Mike Hill, Pam Engstrom

Guests: Dave Sufferdini of Ocean State Pyrotechnics and Brian Wall of Flower & Soul Cannabis Dispensary

Meeting Topics:

- **New Committee Member**

The committee welcomes Pam Engstrom to the committee bringing membership up to 5.

- **Meeting Minutes from February 2, 2022**

Minutes from previous meeting accepted and submitted to Town Clerks office.

- **Discussion regarding 2022 fireworks contract with Dave Sufferdini**

Dave Sufferdini provided the preliminary contract and explained that we have a basic package currently costing \$5,000. We can expand the fireworks up to 3 weeks prior to event, so by June 4th. At that time, a new contract would be signed. Janice Hayward to sign contract and have town issue deposit check of \$2,500 to be sent to Ocean State ASAP. Dave assured us that the company has a large quantity of fireworks in stock, so shipping delays will not affect us if we expand the display. Dave also indicated that our show is approximately 14 minutes in length but increasing budget would bring it up to as long as 22 minutes. Any longer than that and people will get bored. Dave indicated that fireworks costs have increased by 30% to 40% since our 2019 show. Dave also indicated that we could come to view an upcoming event, if one is scheduled somewhere locally. He would notify us so we could come and observe.

Mike Hill asked about the possibility of auctioning off the ability to start the display, but Dave indicated that safety rules would prevent it. We could auction the opportunity to be on the crew for the night. That would require the winner to be available to take a safety class from Dave prior to the event.

- **Finances and fundraising**

Susan Hill collected money at the town distribution of covid tests in February. We added \$644 to the Fireworks account. Brian Wall of Flower & Soul Cannabis Dispensary (soon to open next to Morgan's Power Equipment) was present to discuss his company sponsoring the event up to \$15,000 to \$20,000. Brian is also prepared to assist us in lining up other vendors, possibly including: balloon animal making clown(s), magician and/or a band. Janice Hayward to discuss with the town administrator and town council on the possibility of a direct donation from the cannabis company to the committee. If no direct contribution, could Flower & Soul pay some vendors for their services?

Because our event is taking place in this fiscal year, it is suggested that the committee request a Special Town meeting to request the \$3,200 required for fire and police details.

Susan Hill spoke with Special Tees shop in Kingston, MA regarding a t-shirt fundraiser. Special Tees would create a page on their website to sell shirts. No upfront costs from committee. Depending on number of shirts sold and price of shirts, committee could make somewhere between several hundred to several thousand dollars towards fireworks. Special Tees provided 2 samples free of charge. Committee decided to proceed, but discussed the possibility of putting sponsor information on the shirts.

Committee discussed the possibility of a raffle of prime viewing spots, including prime parking and special blankets. Kathy volunteered to make 2 blankets. Pam investigating if there is a way to create a raffle on Facebook. We had the administrator of the Halifax Locals Facebook page direct message us regarding holding a 50/50 raffle. Mike Hill will message her and explain that we are ok with the idea, but the committee can only accept any money via cash or check.

It has been decided that we will NOT have the craft fair at the end of April since Beautification Committee is holding a craft fair earlier in the month. Fireworks will probably have a craft fair in the fall as we did in 2019. Barbershop golf tournament fundraiser will not be held this year or in the future.

- **Miscellaneous**

Mass State Representatives Josh Cutler and Kathy LaNatra both would like to be involved somehow. Perhaps take pictures with the committee. Rep. Cutler plans to donate \$500.00.

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- **Date for fireworks**

Saturday, June 25th is confirmed date with Sunday, June 26th as rain date.