



Committee Meeting Notes

April 5, 2022

Next Meeting: April 26th 6:30 PM

Meeting Attendees:

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

Guests: Brian Wall of Flower & Soul Cannabis Dispensary; Amy Noone & Lana Eldridge of Halifax Pride Day

Meeting Topics:

- **Meeting Minutes from March 15, 2022**

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

- **Halifax Pride**

We have learned that Halifax Pride is holding their event from 12 to 3 on the day of the fireworks. They have an ice cream vendor (Nino's), which will be contacted if our own ice cream vendor can not attend. We had general discussion about coordinating with the Pride event on logistics. Nothing was decided.

- **Food Trucks**

Susan Hill sent an email to the vendors we had in 2019. Heard back from Mama Debs that they are booked for Braintree Fireworks, taking place on our same night. Mama Debs might be willing to cancel Braintree in favor of Halifax if the costs (\$150 fee, BOH fee and CORI checks) could be brought down or eliminated. Other vendors have not replied.

Susan Hill also posted to the South Shore Food Truck Association, but only a limited number of trucks. Had some rejections due to the conflict with both Braintree and Hanover fireworks. Loco Larry's, which is located in Halifax expressed interest, so vendor application was sent. They returned the application and are confirmed for the event. Brian Wall volunteered to reach out to his contacts to try to get vendors. He also volunteered to pick up the \$150 vendor fee for all vendors. This may help in booking Mama Debs. Susan to contact both Loco Larry's and Mama Debs about this fee.

- **Other Vendors**

Janice Hayward to contact Port-o-potties vendor and Novelties vendor as well as Ice cream vendor who sent the postal money order for the 2020 event. That money order has never been cashed/deposited. Also, fireworks deposit has been sent.

- **Finances and fundraising**

Mike Hill reached out to Lorena Jenkinson, administrator of the Halifax Locals Facebook page to create a 50/50 raffle to support fireworks. On date of meeting, the raffle had raised just under \$1000.00, meaning an approximate \$500.00 to fireworks.

Pam Engstrom investigated online raffle sights to create a raffle for prime viewing spots and parking. She found a free sight and the decision was made to proceed. Kathy McLaughlin has already started to make special blankets to be included as part of the prize. Also discussed including T-shirts, water and perhaps other gifts.

Committee decided to proceed with the Specialtees t-shirts. We want to sell the shirts from May 1st to June 1st. Susan Hill will inform the vendor of all the details and request the QR code be provided to us as soon as possible so it can be posted on our Facebook page.

Brian also secured a \$500 donation commitment from KKaties of Plympton. Janice to write letter to them. Also discussed possible donations from the Police and Fire unions. Mike Hill contacted Stop & Shop. Was told they can only donate money directly to a 501c3 charity. We may be able to receive donation of bottled water or similar.

- **Miscellaneous**

Continue to wait for guidance from town administrator and town council regarding Flower and Soul sponsorship. Brian Wall has volunteered to cover the vendor registration fee for food trucks (\$150). He has also investigated buying Glow sticks to be sold at event. Kathy suggested we buy glow sticks that are red, white & blue.

Brian is also planning to create posters for us. We want to have QR codes for the t-shirts and raffle.

Susan Hill will check with Jean Gallant to determine library hours on June 25th so we can determine best time for vendor set up.

Short discussion about one day liquor license on town property. Kathy expressed concern about liability. Susan & Mike agreed with Kathy.

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- **Date for next meeting**

May 3rd (tentative) moved to April 26th

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