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Present: Selectmen R.P. McDermott; Chair, M. Kasprzak, C.P. Graham, Fire Chief Jay Lord, Police Chief Robbie Dirsa and Town Administrator Eric Small.

The meeting began in the Public Safety Buildings' small conference/ copier room at 8:30 a.m. The purpose of the meeting was to enlighten the Board of Selectmen on the impact of the Women's Obstacle Course, scheduled for July 7, 2012 on the grounds of Applecrest Farm Orchards. It is strictly an event for women only.

Fire Chief Lord and Police Chief Dirsa presented a power point presentation of the proposed plans and activities that was taken from the Lozilu Women's Mud Run website. It showed various obstacle course locations around the perimeter and through the farm grounds. The event starts at 9 am and going in waves of smaller groups.

There will be a DJ onsite to add to the festivities, a booth for selling alcohol and showers will be provided to registrants.

Two days earlier a conference call was made to the applicant of the event Brodie Birkel of Madison, Wisconsin, of Wheelhouse Events LLC. The Fire Chief, Fire Lieutenant, Police Chief, Police Lieutenant and Town Administrator participated in the conversation.

After discussing the event with Mr. Birkel, it was the consensus that this event would be a smaller one than anticipated and that the town had the necessary manpower handle any emergency call that could occur. It was noted that a smaller horse show will be held during this event

To date, there have been fewer than 100 sign ups and the spectators have been fewer than participants. Participants and spectators are charged a fee and each one qualifies for one free drink; however, it has been the promoter's experience that less than half of the free drinks are served. Also, 95% of all attendees sign up online. There have been minor injuries at the Wheelhouse Events and one obstacle was eliminated because of an injury.

Mr. Birkel will be attending a class at the Liquor Commission in order to receive a Liquor license for the event and while he is here Chief Lord and Dirsa are planning to meet with him. A portion of the registrations (5%) will be donated to the leukemia Association.

The two chiefs recommended that a cap of be placed on the number of registrants and spectators of 1,000.

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It was noted that Mr. Birkel had an onsite visit of the Applecrest site in January and he sent a copy of an agreement between his company an Applecrest Farms (an additional insured) to the town.

M. Kasprzak moved and C. Graham seconded a motion that was unanimously approved “to authorize the chairman to sign the permit and to limit the number of registrants and spectators to 1,000.”

The board asked the Chief Lord and Dirsa to prepare in writing a letter to town counsel regarding the town’s authority regarding special events on private property. The Board would review the proposed letter at its meeting in July.

Mr. Birkel will receive his permit once he meets with the two chiefs.

The meeting ended at 9:46 a.m.

Minutes taken by E. N. Small