Sturbridge Tourist Association

Meeting Minutes 8/13/14

In attendance: Brian Amedy (BA), Chair, Joni Light (JL) Fin-Com Liaison, Priscilla Gimas (PG), Selectman's Liaison, Karrie Scheibler (KS) and Brownyn Cooper (BC)

Absent: Tom Chamberland

Guest: Jean Bubon (JB) Town Planner

6:50 Meeting Called to order.

June 23rd minutes distributed: Corrections: add names of abstained members, 2nd proposal TC abstained, 3rd proposal BA abstained, Christmas proposal BA abstained. Motion to accept as amended by JL, 2nd by BA, 3-0 in favor with PG & KS abstaining

Treasurer Report: Balance remaining \$3500 marketing & advertising; \$6335 community support and 6,000 in special events. \$8500 on restrooms is handled by Town accountant and split between Betterment and STA.

At June meeting we encumbered \$28659.08 for the Commercial Tourist District.

Jean Bubon made presentation: Roadway Improvements/transportation

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New Signage

Estimated cost \$58937.50 at the Gateway near Rovezzi's

\$8000 signage, \$2200 2 new benches, \$4750 fence, \$4500 shade trees, \$9800 ornamental shrubs, \$11200 perrenicals, \$800 seed, 15% contingency \$7687.50. The Betterment committee funded \$22000 and STA would fund balance from the Community Support account in Fiscal year 2014.

JL voted to accept, 2nd by BA. Accepted 5-0

New Business: Committee to define the future role of STA will be meeting on Sept 16 at 6pm and if necessary a 2nd meeting on Sept 30th at 6pm.

BA also asked the group to come up with ideas for the remaining funds in STA budget for next meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 7:50pm by JL , 2nd by BA Vote 5-0 in favor