

PUBLIC EVENT/SPECIAL ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION

City of Somerville, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Application #: PEL19-000059

File #: 19-005830

Application for: Public Event

Organization name: Somerville Road Runners

Description: A four-mile Thanksgiving-Day footrace through the streets of Somerville

Date(s): Thursday, Nov 28, 2019

Setup starts at (time): 6:30 AM

Cleanup after the event ends at (time): 12:00 Noon

Entertainment: None

Attendees:

Max attendance at one time: 3200

Maximum attendees accommodated: 3200

Attendee fees or suggested donations: We anticipate an entry fee of \$30 in keeping with past years. Entrants may make additional donations to the Sean Collier fund if desired at signup time

Social or cultural benefits:

This is a fun, family-oriented Thanksgiving-day event. It always well attended by Somerville residents. It raises money for several local charities and organizations.

Event Contact: Bradley Harris

Event name: 23rd Annual Gobble Gobble Gobble Road Race

Location: The Gobble Gobble Gobble is an annual road race that starts and finishes in the same location on the corner of Russell st and Cutter Ave. The race follows down to Highland Ave a right on Vinal Ave and then continues to Summer St and towards the starting line. (Alternative #2, see drawing)

Rain date(s): None

Event starts at (time): 9:00 AM

Event ends at (time): 12:00 Noon

Temporary Structures: None

Total people attending: 3200

Total Somerville residents attending: Typically 500 - 800

What is your budget for this event: We anticipate a similar budget this year

Financial benefits:

The race donates to Somerville charities and organizations including the Sean Collier Scholarship fund, the Somerville Track Pac at Somerville HS, the Somerville Homeless Coalition, and the Somerville Auxilliary Police Department. Over the past 6 years these donations have totaled just under \$230,000, with \$38,000 in 2018 alone

Event Contact Phone: 540.818.1822

Event Information	Yes/No	If yes, Describe
Open to the public?	Yes	We advertise in local running magazines and online. We coordinate with the Burren at 247 Elm Street for our post-race part and with the Harvard Vanguard Garage for our race-day packet pickup
Food served?	No	
Caterer used?	No	
Alcohol served?	No	
Grill/open-flame device used?	No	
Streets blocked?	Yes	-Start/finish line between Russell St and Cutter Ave, Next to the bank. -Down to Willow Ave and then continues to Highland Ave towards Vinal Ave -From Vinal Ave to Summer St back to the starting line
Sidewalks blocked?	No	
Arrangements:		
Police Detail:	Yes	In years past, we would typically have a detail of 4 Somerville Police Officers and a larger but variable number of Somerville Auxiliary Police. In 2018 with the

Auxiliary no longer available, we had all Somerville Police fill the roles. I do have on hand a count of the number of SPD we got in 2018, I am guessing 8-12. I anticipate we will request a similar number for 2019.

Parking (for Attendees)?	No	
Restrooms?	Yes	We typically have one Porta-John per 100 runners so we expect to get 32 for 2019. At least one porta-john will be wheelchair accessible They typically arrive Wednesday morning and are picked up Friday morning
Liability Insurance?	Yes	RRCA - Road Runners Club of America provides our insurance.
Will any public parks be used?	Yes	The Porta-Johns will be place in "Ten Hills Park" -- where the bike path is -- next to the Harvard Vanguard Parking garage near Meacham and Buena Vista Road.
Has the event occurred in the last two years?	Yes	Nov 23 2017, Nov 22 2018 (every Thanksgiving for the past 22 years)

Approval Conditions:

Reviewer: CS Mayor, Mayor's Office, Approved with Conditions

1. The race course needs to be alternative 2.

Reviewer: CS Fire, Fire Prevention, Approved with Conditions

1. Fire details will be required as in the past. Details are scheduled and will be on-site.

Reviewer: CS Mayor, Mayor's Office, Approved with Conditions

1. Highland between Willow and Cedar is part of the detour for buses the usually run along Broadway and cannot be shut or blocked off in a way that would need additional detours.

Approved By:

John J. Long, Approved

CS Fire, Approved with Conditions

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CS Mayor, Approved with Conditions

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CS Traffic and Parking, Approved with Conditions

Scott Whalen, Approved

Jill Lathan, Approved

Christine Morin, Approved

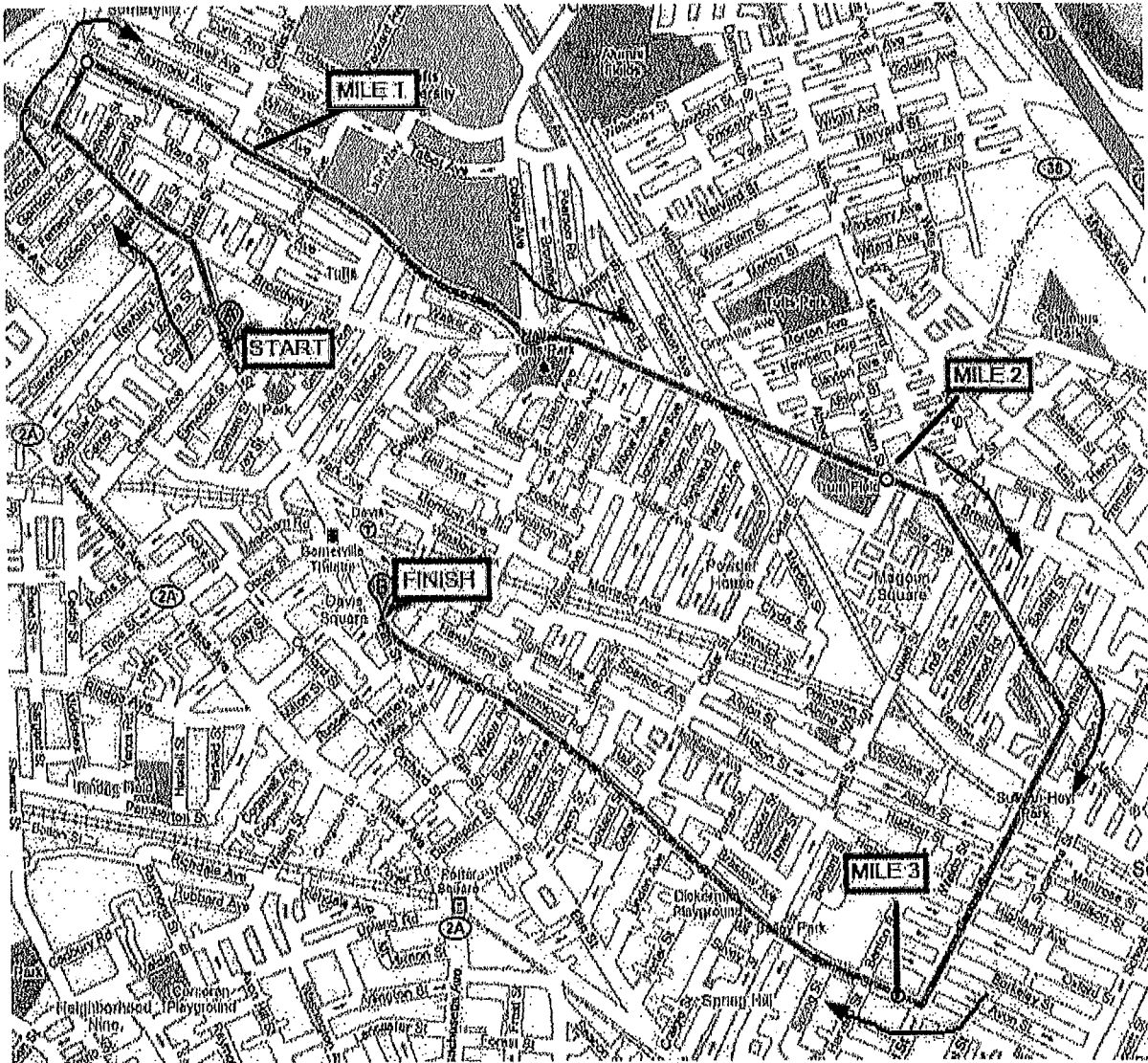
Gobble x 3 Race 2019 Course Request Discussion.

Due to the Broadway Bridge closure at Ball Square, our normal G3 race course is not feasible. Even as we make this application, we realize the city is attempting to determine the impact of the bridge closure on local traffic.

We would very much like to do whatever we can to allow the race to continue. So here I actually propose two alternatives. Our preference is for **Alternative #1** but if the city does not like that, we hope they will consider **Alternative #2**

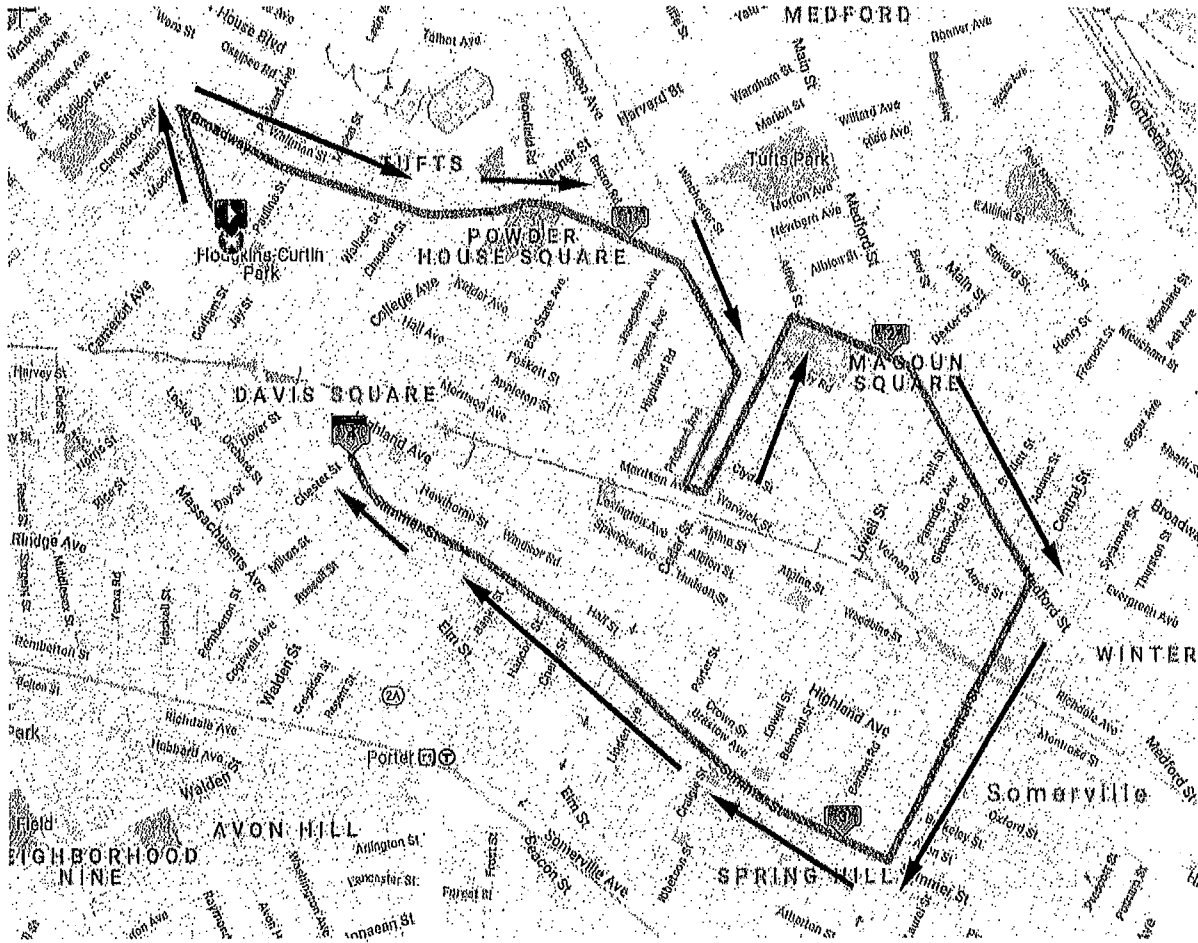
Original Course (not possible this year)

cannot use because it crosses the bridge



Alternative #1

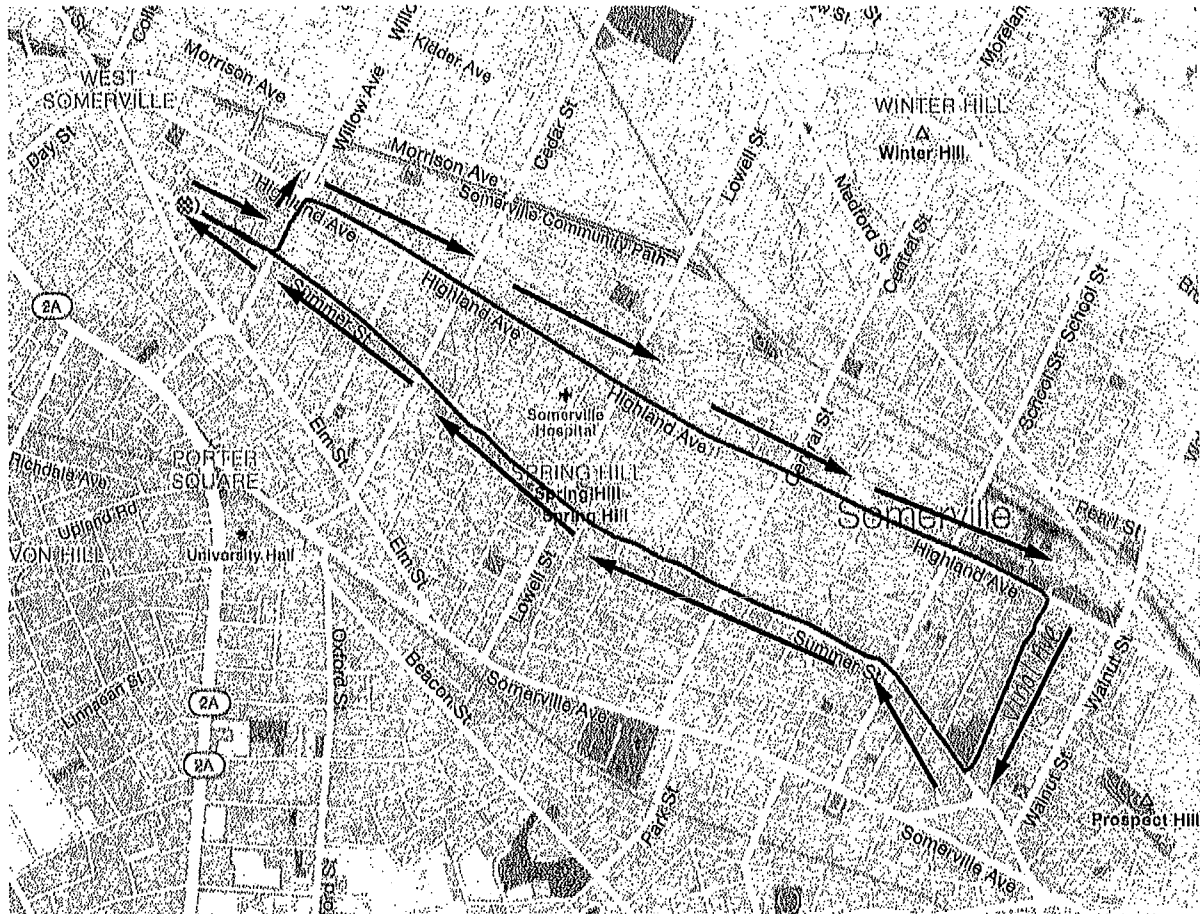
The alternative we prefer is much like the original course above. The only differences are **a)** Runners turn *right* at the start on to Broadway (Instead of left) and **b)**, Runners take a short detour around the bridge via Boston Ave, Morrison Street and Cedar Street, rejoining Broadway on the other side. Aside from that, this course is identical to the traditional route.



Alternative #2

In case the city decides against our Alternative #1 we would at least like to propose a different, long-established 5K race course traditionally used by the May "MOM's" 5k which covers only 4 streets, Highland Ave, Willow St, Summer St and Vinal Ave. This has the advantage of completely avoiding Broadway, Powderhouse Circle, Medford and Central Streets. It also starts and finishes in the same location,

Next to the Middlesex Bank on Highland Ave.



We hope we can continue our race for the 23rd year with at least one of these proposals.

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