



Arlington Soap Box Derby
50 Edgehill Road
Arlington, MA 02474

May 13, 2021

Town of Arlington Select Board
730 Massachusetts Avenue
Arlington, MA 02476

Dear Select Board Members:

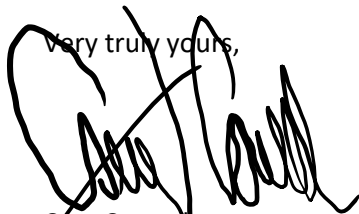
We are writing to officially request your approval to hold the annual Arlington Soap Box Derby Local Race on Saturday, June 12th, 2021, on Eastern Avenue between Park Circle and Highland Avenue, with a rain date of Sunday, June 13th, 2021. The Arlington Soap Box Derby Local Race has been taking place for over twelve years (other than last year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic) providing local racers with the opportunity to enjoy racing gravity-powered cars outside in Arlington, while learning Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math skills. Our race is sanctioned by the International Soap Box Derby (ISBD) and the winners of the local race travel to Akron, Ohio in July for the World Championships. The race attracts dozens of local participants and spectators from around the town, and has become an annual tradition that contributes to Arlington's sense of community and history.

We have reached out Natasha Waden, Director of the Arlington Health Department, and she has indicated that they support holding the race this year, as long as we follow all applicable COVID-19 protocols. We have developed specific COVID-19 protocols for our races, based on federal, state, and local guidance, along with requirements from the ISBD Headquarters. We are also fortunate that one of the members of our local Board of Directors, Wendy Barr, is a family physician who works at the Greater Lawrence Family Health Center, and who has Masters' in both Public Health and Epidemiology and was the official advisor to ISBD in developing their national COVID-19 racing protocols. We have also received a permit from the Recreation Department to allow us to use the lawn at Robbins Farm Park for spectators to watch the event.

We hope that the Town will continue to support our race and the contribution it makes to the local community, and grant us approval to close this stretch of Eastern Avenue as has been done in past years.

We look forward to continuing to work with the Town of Arlington on this fun and engaging activity.

Very truly yours,



Gary Conrad
President



Joseph Barr
Race Director