



East Windsor 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee  
June 19, 2018  
East Windsor Historical Society

The June 19, 2018 planning meeting for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of East Windsor met at the Osborn House of the East Windsor Historical Society.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

**Attendance:**

Present: \*Paul Anderson, \*Ceil Donahue, \*Diane Lajoie, Debbie Talamini, \*Rebecca Talamini, \*Tom Talamini, \*Bill Thim \*Lynne Tracy-Thim

Absent: \*Scott Morgan

\*indicates steering committee members

**Minutes Reading:**

The minutes for the May 15, 2018 meeting were reviewed with one correction. There is a typo under Advertising and Social Media that references the EW350 members instead of the EW250 members. Since the minutes haven't been posted yet, I will change them before submitting them for posting.

**Paul Anderson made a motion to accept the May 15, 2018 minutes with corrections. Bill Thim seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

The June 5, 2018 minutes were reviewed.

**Paul Anderson made a motion to accept the June 5, 2018 minutes as written. Bill Thim seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

There was an ad in the Saturday June 16, 2018 Journal Inquirer for the Stafford Springs 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next year.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Time Capsule Committee:** We have a new cover for the 250<sup>th</sup> time capsule that will seal properly. We can put the old cover with the inscription on top of the new cover.

The stone still needs to be picked up. We need the proper wording to get the price.

Nothing was donated for the time capsule at the Reenactment on Saturday. Many people have showed an interest, but they are trying to think of the best thing to donate.

**Events Committee:**

Special event permits are almost completely signed. We will need a W9 from each of the event organizations so we can have town checks cut to pay for them. Some organizations are having trouble with W9 forms; we will pay them directly, and submit reimbursement forms.

**Garden/Farm/House Tour:** The June 9, 2018 Garden Farm & House Tour had almost 200 people attend; thirteen volunteers toured some of the sites on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Reenactment/Food Truck Fest:** The Reenactment and Food Truck Fest on Saturday June 16, 2018 was a success; we had about 400 people attend. Many people said they stopped by because they saw the lawn signs advertising the event. Steve Dearborn, Jason Bowsza

and Chris Davis all visited the event.

Only 6 food trucks showed up: Linda's Pit Stop, the Angry Skillet, Bears BBQ, the ice cream truck, the Broad Brook Fire Department's chowder, and the Warehouse Point Fire Department's baked potato bar. Linda's Pit Stop and the Angry Skillet are both looking forward to Heritage Day. We closed the event about 4pm; only two cars came by after closing.

The bus for the senior citizens was canceled because it was only two-thirds full; a few volunteers, including Debbie Talamini, provided transportation for six people who still needed rides; they were very grateful and enjoyed the reenactment.

The Fifth Regiment re-enactors interacted with everyone all day, answering their questions and providing many lesser-known facts and details about the era. Carl had gone to the Broad Brook Elementary school on Friday June 15, 2018 in full costume to answer questions.

The Israel Bissell ride was a big hit. Our Israel spread the details of his ride in a convincing and entertaining manner.

Touch-a-Truck: We will have a table at the Touch-a-Truck event on Saturday July 14, 2018.

Free Swim: Sunday Fun Day at the Res is from 12 to 3pm on Sunday July 15, 2018.

Facebook shows about 500 people going and 1,700 people interested. We will get extra lawn games to supplement the water games.

Time Capsule Burial: Father Stu Pinette from St. Marianne Cope is confirmed to do the benediction. We still need donations to help pay for the event. We will ask for citations from the state and federal government to honor the event.

#### **Fundraising Committee:**

We received \$15 in donations at the Food Truck Fest. Steve Dearborn has received \$4000 for the fireworks so far; the donors do not want to be advertised. We will say the fireworks are "supported by local businesses."

**There are still sponsorship opportunities;** if you want to be involved in our town's celebration, email ew250@eastwindsorct.com.

#### **Promotion and Merchandise Committee:**

We sold \$548 in merchandise at the Food Truck Fest. We will update the website with the EW250 coins and the Swede's EW250 charms.

We are out of the extra-large t-shirts; we still have small, medium, large and children's sizes.

#### **Heritage Day Committee:**

Shuttle Bus: Dawn at the Smith Bus company is fine with a route with stops at the back of the Res on Highland Avenue, the front of the Res on Reservoir Avenue, at the Broad Brook Elementary School and the Middle School. People will walk from the Middle School to the picnic area. We will have one bus with the shuttle service available for 6 hours (to about 10:30 pm).

**Tom Talamini made a motion to spend \$210 for Smith Bus Company for the Heritage Day Shuttle. Bill Thim seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

Parade: Our Israel Bissell rider is looking forward to participating in our Heritage Day Parade and mingling with people at the picnic.

**Tom Talamini made a motion to send the Bissell rider a sum of \$500 to participate in the Heritage Day Parade and mingle with people at the picnic. Bill Thim seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

State Representatives Carol Hall and Chris Davis have said they will be at our Heritage Day

Parade.

The judging stand will be at the Broad Brook Library. We will ask the Broad Brook Fire Department for their contact with a Flatbed for the judging stand.

**Advertising/Social Media Committee:**

We had several 1/2 sheet advertisement for the reenactment in the JI. We also tried a \$20 Facebook boost for the reenactment.

We will have a 1/2 sheet advertisement for the ice cream/free swim in the JI.

Rebecca is waiting to hear back from GoLocal about an accurate article about the 250.

The EW250 Facebook page has been active; keep sharing with your friends.

<https://www.facebook.com/EastWindsor250/>.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Joe's Fine Wine and Spirits had a sign specifically created for our Reenactment event.
- Bill Thim proposed we get a counter to record the number of people who attend our remaining events.
- The next EW250 meeting will be on Tuesday July 3, 2018.

**Paul Anderson made a motion to adjourn. Tom Talamini seconded the motion.**

**The meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Lajoie