



East Windsor 250th Anniversary Committee
February 20, 2018
East Windsor Historical Society

The February 20, 2018 planning meeting for the 250th 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: John Bajumpaa, *Ceil Donahue, Don Grant, *Diane Lajoie, Tim Moore, Debra Nordell, Debbie Talamini, *Rebecca Talamini, *Tom Talamini, *Lynne Tracy-Thim

Absent: *Paul Anderson, *Scott Morgan, *Bill Thim

*indicates steering committee members

Minutes Reading:

The minutes from the February 6, 2018 special meeting were reviewed with one correction. The Cub Scouts have not taken over the August Movie Night; they have always been in charge of it.

Tom Talamini made a motion to accept the February 6, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Ceil Donahue seconded the motion. The motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Introduction: Since we had some first-time attendees, we began the meeting with introductions.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny: The Park and Rec Breakfast with the Easter Bunny will be on March 24, 2018 from 8:30 to 11:30 am. We will have a table to sell merchandise. We are donating a basket with an EW250 mug, magnet, and baseball cap to the Park and Rec Bunny Breakfast on Saturday March 24, 2018

Warehouse Point Fire Department Breakfast: The Warehouse Point Fire Department is hosting a breakfast on Sunday March 25, 2018.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Time Capsule Committee: Rebecca couldn't unlock the barn with the time capsule; we will need to contact John Burnham for the combination.

We will start advertising to bring your donations for the time capsule to our events.

Joe from DPW will help us with the permits and dig up the 1968 time capsule in April. The footstone engraving will cost \$450, or \$350 if we use the back of the 1968 stone, plus \$100 for installation.

Ceil is trying to see if Bill Towers can get a couple people from the Fife and Drum Corp to play at the opening. If they can start playing at 2:30 we will open the 1968 Time Capsule at 2:50 pm.

Events Committee:

Victorian Lady: We are trying to get Touchpoints Rehabilitation Center to sponsor the Victorian Lady. The East Windsor Senior Center is going to contact the senior centers from Ellington, South Windsor, and Enfield.

Kids Winterfest: The Girl Scouts are all set with about 12 activity stations. Set up will begin at 11 am. The event is from 1 to 4pm. Wear your red volunteer t-shirts. We have donuts coming from MASSCONN and coffee from the Dunkin Donuts on Sullivan Avenue in South Windsor. Quality Paving is sponsoring the horse drawn carriage. The Auxillary Group sponsor Girl Scouts' hot chocolate. Jim Stremper will decide on Friday if the weather is ok for his horses.

Love Your Library Scavenger Hunt: The library event is going well. Lynn Tracy-Thim and Debbie Talamini will be at the Book Club Book Store to represent the EW250 at the raffle drawing on March 3, 2018. Entrants who complete the scavenger hunt at all five libraries will have a chance to win a gold book mark, gift certificates from Main Street Grill, At the Dam Restaurant, Henry's Pizzeria, or Book Club Bookstore.

Sundae Fun Day: Sundae Fun Day at the Res is July 15, 2018 from 12 to 3 pm. There will be organized events occurring every half hour. Maine Fish Market is sponsoring entertainment by Just Jeannie; Lynn has confirmed her appearance. PTO is sponsoring face painting and balloon twisting; Kaleidoscope Design is scheduled for that. We are looking into a possible clown appearance. Lynn is also asking Dollar General if they can provide some summer equipment, such as snorkels, noodles, etc, for prizes for the games. We need to confirm with Infoshred that they will be on site for free shredding at the event.

Vintage Baseball Game: The Vintage Baseball Game set for May 5, 2018 will start at 11 am. Weathersfield is looking for an opposing team; the team they were going to play had to back out. The Silvia's Hot Dog vendor is all set. The Rotary Club is paying for the popcorn. We will sell ticket at the gate for (25 cents each). Lynn designed the tickets; we will have them printed on card stock. Windsor Federal Bank will sponsor the game; they are going to provide their own banner for the occasion. We haven't received the check from them yet.

Revolutionary War Reenactment: The Rotary Club and Lion's Club might co-sponsor the reenactment field exercises. We received another \$200 for the reenactment. We are going to ask USA Hauling if they will provide dumpsters for the Reenactment and Heritage Day. Food Trucks: We have 8 food trucks; Ceil is trying to secure another 2 or 3. The final list should be ready by next meeting. Ceil has started the paperwork for the temporary event permit from planning and zoning and the coordinators application for the food truck event. We need a check for \$60; \$58 of that goes to the state, and \$2 to the town for the temporary event permit. Each food truck will need to get a temporary food truck application also; the owners are aware of the process.

Tom Talamini made a motion to allocate \$60 to pay for the Temporary Event Permit; Diane Lajoie seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Garden Tour: Rebecca spoke with Nancy Masters and Beverly Titus to work out some of the details for the Garden/Farm/House Tour on June 9, 2018. EW250 will be a co-sponsor so the town's insurance will cover the event. Ian Neill has created a web site for the tour (<https://eastwindsorfarmgardenandhouset.godaddysites.com/>); the link is on our Events Page. Tickets for the tour are \$20 each; the funds will go to the Garden Club and Historical Society. Nancy Masters has plenty of volunteers to act as Docents. We might have an EW250 table at the historical society on the day of the event.

Touch-a-Truck Event: The touch-a-truck event at the Town Hall Anex and Hose Company 2 will be on July 14, 2018 from 10 to 2 pm. They have Linda's Pit Stop scheduled and Ben

And Jerry's will provide 200 free scoops of ice cream between 11 and 1 pm. The Warehouse Point Fire Department will need two port-a-potties for the event. The EW250 will have a table and tent for merchandise at the event.

We still need more volunteers. This is a very involved committee. If anyone wants to help organize one or more events, please email the 250th committee at EW250@eastwindsorct.com.

Fundraising Committee:

Many businesses and clubs in town have volunteered to sponsor some of our EW250 events. Thank you to everyone who has supported us. There are still sponsorship opportunities; if you want to be involved in our town's celebration, email ew250@eastwindsorct.com.

Promotion and Merchandise Committee:

Home and Product Show: The home and product show will be at the old Walmart March 10th (8-5pm) and 11th (9-6). Set up is Friday the 9th. We will have a table with the Broad Brook Library to sell merchandise. We will have a sign up sheet for volunteers at the next meeting.

Merchandise: The libraries and town hall have our numbered rocks for sale. We will check the stock after the home show to reorder anything we need for the summer.

Heritage Day Committee:

Heritage Day: The parade will kick-off at 2:50 pm and arrive at the event grounds around 3:30 pm. Sundown is about 6:30 pm; the fireworks will be at 8:30 pm.

We will seek volunteers to help at Heritage Day: PTO, Lions Club, Rotary Club, Leo Club, etc.

The Democratic Town Committee was talking about possibly donating some money toward Heritage Day; Rebecca will follow-up with them.

Don Grant rents Joyce Bonelli's farm land; he will schedule his hay harvests so the land is available for the celebration. The fire department will need a path through the woods to get to the elevated spot for the fireworks. We will need a bush hog to clean the area for the firework launch.

Parking will have to stay in front of the fence. We might need shuttles for parking.

Fireworks: Steve Dearborn is going to raise \$10,000 for the fireworks; he is hiring Carl Palmberg to provide them.

East Windsor Ambulance: The Ambulance will need to park near the street in case there is an emergency. They will also be the first-aid station for Heritage Day.

Stray Dogs will perform two hours for \$400. We have also scheduled a fencing demonstration and a trick gymnastics demonstration.

Lynn Tracy-Thim made a motion to hire Stray Dogs to play for two hours at Heritage Day for \$400. Ceil Donahue seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Food: We will need a location to store the refrigerated food before the event. We might be able to use the Geissler's van during the event. We are giving the food away, but we might want to limit the amount of food per person. We can have a booth where people get their hands stamped and a ticket for the food.

The Broad Brook fire department doesn't want to do the bingo for heritage day; it is too much work. We will explore other possibilities.

Parade: We will have "Village" Awards: Broad Brook, Melrose, Scantic, Warehouse Point, and Windsorville. The category related to each village has yet to be decided.

The American Heritage Commission will enter a float.

The forms to participate in the parade are on the website and facebook page.

Advertising/Social Media Committee:

Wooden Signs: The Melrose sign is up. The others will be installed around town as the ground thaws.

Possible Advertising Options: The North Central News has a calendar; Go Local magazine is at town hall; we can check the rates for the Hartford Courant, and Ceil is going follow up on the JI sticker option.

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

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

- The Warehouse Point Fire Department Pasta Dinner is 2/24/2018; it is \$10 per person and kids under six for \$5.
- The Warehouse Point is hosting a blood drive on March 12, 2018 from 1-6pm.
- The next EW250 meeting will be on Tuesday March 5, 2018. Paul Anderson will be leading the meeting in Rebecca's absence.

**Tom Talamini made a motion to adjourn. Lynn Tracy-Thim seconded the motion.
The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Lajoie