



East Windsor 250th Anniversary Committee
October 5, 2017
East Windsor Historical Society

The October 5, 2017 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: *Paul Anderson, Barbara Burnham, Ceil Donahue, *Peg Hoffman, *Diane Lajoie, Ian Neill, Barbara Sherman, Debbie Talamini, *Rebecca Talamini, *Tom Talamini, *Bill Thim, *Lynne Tracy-Thim

Absent: *Jason Bowsza, *Scott Morgan

*indicates steering committee members

Minutes Reading:

The minutes from the September 7, 2017 and September 21, 2017 meetings were reviewed. There is one correction on the September 21, 2017 minutes: we have only looked into the prices for the parade and picnic; the Whale radio station may participate in the parade and play for 2 hours if we hire them for \$2000; the wording in the minutes made it seem like they were already scheduled.

Paul Anderson made a motion to accept the September 7, 2017 minutes. Bill Thim seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Paul Anderson made a motion to accept the September 21, 2017 minutes with the changes. Bill Thim seconded the motion. The motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

We discussed dates we need for the 2018 calendar: the 2018 Harvest Moon Dance in October and the Joseph E. Tracey Green dedication in May.

The Warehouse Point Fire Department Blood Drive is on Wednesday October 11, 2017.

We will drop off a sign-up sheet for our January blood drive; Deb Nordell will make sure it is available at their drive.

Reappointments: The terms for each of the EW250 committee members are up in December. All present informed Rebecca we would like to continue to serve. Rebecca will check with the members who are absent tonight and let the First Selectmen's office know of our intent to request reappointments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Time Capsule: The fifty gallon propane tank has been sent to the welding shop for its retrofit into our time capsule. The work is in progress.

Time Capsule Committee: *Jason Bowsza, John Burnham, Tim Easter, Kirk Montstream, Chuck Riggott, and *Bill Thim.

Planning Committee:

Masquerade Ball: Tickets will be available next week for us to sell to town staff and

committees first before they are open to the public. There are a total of 200 tickets. Tickets cost \$95 per person. We can accept cash and checks made out to La Notte; people will have to contact La Notte to pay with a credit card. Seating will be in tables of 10; people can reserve entire tables for their party, otherwise seating will be first come, first served.

Baseball Game: Bill Thim is working on getting the field usage form and the insurance rider we need for the event. We will have a hot dog vendor and the Rotary popcorn machine on hand the day of the event. Rebecca will talk to the hot dog vendor to see how her pricing is going to work.

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.

Planning Committee: *Diane Lajoie, Ian Neill, Debbie Talamini, and *Lynn Tracy-Thim, Bill Thim. {Point Person: Lynn Tracy-Thim}

Fundraising Committee:

Sponsor Sheets: Lynn Tracy-Thim created some sponsor sheets for our events. She will adjust them to show both the cost of the sponsorship and what is included in the cost for the event.

Rebecca is going to approach the Work and Play Daycare to see if they will sponsor part of the Kids' Winterfest (such as \$200 for the food).

Fundraising Committee: *Jason Bowsza, John Burnham, Tim Easter, Andy Hoffman, and Kirk Montstream. Point people: John Burnham and Andy Hoffman

Promotion and Merchandise Committee:

Merchandise Supplies: We have small sweatshirts and 3 mediums left. We also have several orders for other sizes. We have blue and beige baseball caps left; the grey and black are sold. We are still waiting to hear about the pricing for the knit hats.

Paul Anderson made a motion more sweatshirts; we will cover pre-orders and get about 20 large and 20 extra-large. Bill Thim seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Tom Talamini made a motion to order 12 black and 12 gray baseball style caps. Paul Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Painted Rock Promotion: Lynn Tracy-Thim painted rocks (with East Windsor related themes) and placed them around town. The rock placed at Geissler's has already been found.

Promotion & Merchandise Committee: Ceil Donahue, Dan Donahue, Scott Grizey, *Peg Hoffman, and *Rebecca Talamini

Parade and Picnic Committee:

The Community Day committee is still a part of the planning for our 2018 event, but we want to change the name to "Heritage Day" to emphasize the celebration of the town's history. Heritage Day will be from 2pm to 9pm. Tom Acari offered assistance in obtaining permits. Bill Thim contacted more possible participants.

Parade: The parade route from the Middle School to the Res is 1.6 miles. We will have a float contest: most original, most creative, best marching band, best theme, best community spirit, etc. The Connecticut Military Corvette Club is a 501c 3 organization where every member is a vet; they would like a donation at the end of the day if they participate. We will invite students and organizations from Ellington and South Windsor to participate since they were part of East Windsor at one time.

Fireworks: Steve Dearborn will contact the company who will provide the fireworks. Once contacted, we need to discuss the plan with the fire department.

Picnic: Vallerie Galinski will talk to her contact at 102.9. They quoted us \$2000, but they

are participating at Barktober Fest for free. Stray Dogs would cost \$420 for 3 hours.
Committee: *Diane Lajoie, *Rebecca Talamini, *Bill Thim {Point Person: Bill Thim}

Social Media Committee:

Rebecca Talamini created an Instagram account.

About 300 people have liked the EW250 Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/EastWindsor250/>. Rebecca posts our events on multiple Facebook pages.

Social Media Committee: *Diane Lajoie, Bob Maynard, and *Rebecca Talamini

Press & Advertising Committee:

Masquerade Ball: Rebecca is creating flyers for the Masquerade Ball. We will put them out after we have contacted town organizations for ticket sales.

Calendars: We have a list of the dates for 2018 town events. Next meeting we will have printouts of pages of the calendar.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Scarecrow Contest: We are officially registered for the scarecrow contest. John Burnham has a “scarecrow” we can use; it is a little lumpy, but it should work. We are going to deck our guy out in EW250 merchandise.
- Coming Events: This Saturday is Barktober Fest from 11am to 2 pm. Rebecca donated a wine bottle wind chime for the raffle. This Saturday is also the 2017 Fall Wine and Beer Tasting at Second Chance Farm from 1 to 4:30 pm. We will have booths at both events.

Paul Anderson made a motion to adjourn. Bill Thim seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Lajoie