



East Windsor 250th Anniversary Committee
September 21, 2017
East Windsor Historical Society

The September 21, 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, John Burnham, Ceil Donahue, Steven Downs, Valerie Galinski, *Peg Hoffman, *Diane Lajoie, Tim Moore, Ian Neill, Burma Shaw, *Rebecca Talamini, *Bill Thim, *Lynne Tracy-Thim, Audrey Trombley, Dan Trombley

Absent: *Jason Bowsza, *Scott Morgan, *Tom Talamini

*indicates steering committee members

Minutes Reading:

The minutes from the September 7, 2017 meeting were not available for review. We will review them at the October 5, 2017 meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The East Windsor Scarecrow Contest will be starting soon; we discussed having and EW250 entry.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Time Capsule: We looked at a sample size for our time capsule. It will be made from a fifty gallon propane tank (about four feet tall and thirty inches round).

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

Planning Committee:

Masquerade Ball: Rebecca Talamini met with Ashley from LaNotte. Tickets will be available the first week of October 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.

Baseball Game: Paul Anderson asked if we could sell vintage-style tickets to the vintage baseball game at the 1864 price. Lynn Tracy-Thim found out the tickets were 25 cents when games per charged. We will make souvenir tickets for the games.

Kid's Winter Fest: The Winter Festival is now on February 24, 2018 so it doesn't interfere with the Abby's Walk Gala. The Girl Scouts have volunteered to host the inside activities. Ian can contact Jim Stremper about horses for sleds or sleighs. We can have a rock-painting station for an activity.

Food Truck Fest: Ceil Donahue signed the Corn-on-the-Cob food truck from the Four Town Fair. The Broad Brook Fire Department might have a chowder truck at the fest. The Broad Brook Fire Department offered to direct traffic for the event; the Boy Scouts will direct cars in the parking lot, and the Fire Department will direct the traffic on the street.

Thrall Dance Hall: Burma Shaw suggested we hold an event to show the documentary called “Thrall Hall” with a question and answer period. Tim Moore has agreed to the idea. Burma has three people involved in the hall’s history willing to take part in a question and answer session. Burma looked into costs of possible locations; the high school would be free if we held the event mid-week; we might be able to hold the event in a tent outside of the dance hall. July would be a good time on our calendar.

Church Event: Instead of an Ecumenical Service, we are going to have all of the churches participate in a month-long hand-on community charity event. The goal is to get the town involved in the project(s) with the churches. We will decide which charity the churches will work to help at a meeting at the end of October.

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. We will accept sponsors for the total costs of an event or multiple-sponsors per event. We will need one sponsor sheet for Community Day.

Geissler’s: We have received a \$5000 check from Geissler’s for the Masquerade Ball.

Fundraising Event-2017: Burma Shaw suggested we can do a wreath making workshop mid-November for a fundraiser. She has enough supplies for 25 people. We will charge \$10 or \$15 to join us for a pleasant get-together with refreshments to make a festive holiday decoration. Reservations will be required for the event.

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

Promotion and Merchandise Committee:

Four-Town Fair: Clean-up was under a down pour. We sold 16 Acadia books.

250 Table at Events: We will have a 250 table at Community Day, Barktober Fest, and the Wine & Beer tasting at the Second Chance Farm.

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.

Painted Rock Promotion: Lynn Tracy-Thim painted rocks with East Windsor related themes. She will put them around town. We will post on Facebook to look for and share the EW 250 rocks you found.

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

Parade and Picnic Committee:

Community Day for 2018 will be from 2pm to 9pm. Tom Acari offered assistance in obtaining permits.

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 Governor’s Foot guard will cost \$1200, Stony Creek Fife and Drum (\$1200), Grandview Horse Council-8 to 10 horses (\$200), Hartford Proud Drill & Drum Dance Corp (\$75 to \$800), Shriner’s Motor Patrol (\$500).

Brad Davis was part of the parade 50 years ago; his mother taught at the Broad Brook Grammar School.

Fireworks: We need to establish the company we are going to use for the fireworks; once

established, we need to discuss the plan with the fire department.

Picnic: Music at the picnic: Redheads (\$800 for 3.5 hours), Just Jeanie – Jeanie Pomeroy (\$200 for 3.5 hours), Heartbeat Dixieland Jazz Band (\$1000 for 2 hours). The Whale 102 will participate in the parade and play for 2 hours at the park for \$2000; they will also advertise the event on the radio. We will look into other forms of entertainment, such as Stray Dogs (Rand Stanley is part of the Stray Dogs). We need to think about parking.
Committee: *Diane Lajoie, *Rebecca Talamini, *Bill Thim {Point Person: Bill Thim}

Social Media Committee:

Facebook is growing every day; keep sharing our Facebook page with your friends:
<https://www.facebook.com/EastWindsor250/>.

Rebecca Talamini is updating the website with links for each event.

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

Press & Advertising Committee:

Calendar: The Broad Brook Opera House gave us dates to go on the calendar. We will check the school calendar for the first and last day of school and school vacations.

Trolley Museum: We now have car cards (signs) in the trolleys at the trolley museum.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Broad Brook Library: The driveway has been redone; it is now smooth to the street.
- EW250 plastic signs: Tim Moore will follow-up on the signs.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Lajoie