



East Windsor 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee  
June 15, 2017  
East Windsor Historical Society

The June 15, 2017 planning meeting for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of East Windsor met on the patio 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, Bob Cormier, \*Diane Lajoie, Eric Peck, \*Rebecca Talamini, \*Bill Thim, \*Lynne Tracy-Thim

Absent: \*Jason Bowsza, \*Peg Hoffman, \*Scott Morgan, \*Tom Talamini

\*indicates steering committee members

**Minutes Reading:**

- The minutes from the June 1, 2017 meeting were not available. They will be reviewed at the July 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

July is Parks and Recreation month. Melissa Maltesse contacted us asking if we wanted to host an event. Since time and money are at a premium right now, Rebecca told Melissa we couldn't host an event, but we would like to set up a table at the events they do hold. The Veteran's Band will be performing on July 15, 2017. We will try to have a table there to sell merchandise.

The North Central News article about the EW250 will be added to Facebook soon.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Time Capsule:** The time capsule will be a 60" tank with a 24" diameter. They might make the lid look like a submarine. The time capsule will be displayed at our events starting on December 31, 2017. At the last meeting we talked about putting the town's date of incorporation as the date the time capsule should be opened in 50 years.

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

**Planning Committee:**

**Walking Tour:** Bill Hosley from the Connecticut Historical Society is too expensive. He is charging between \$1000 and \$4000 for the walking tour. He also offered some fundraising help for a cut.

**School Participation:** The new school superintendent, Christine DeBarge, sent Debbie Talamini a two-page plan to include the EW250 celebration as part of the 2017-2018 East Windsor school year curriculums.

**Masquerade Ball:** Rebecca Talamini reviewed the menu discussed with Ashley from La Notte on Tuesday May 9, 2017. We needed to decide on the chicken to offer, the group picked the Chicken Cordon Blue option. The buffet menu is varied to offer vegetarian options and gluten-free options as well as a variety of different kinds of meats and dishes both with and without stuffings or sauces. We will also have a mashed potato bar, a candy

bar, and a Venetian dessert table. We still need to work out the details for the dj and photo booth.

The Planning Committee is putting a hold on scheduling any more events until we have more money raised.

**We still need more volunteers.** This is a very involved committee. If anyone wants to help organize one or more events, please email the 250<sup>th</sup> committee at [EW250@eastwindsorct.com](mailto:EW250@eastwindsorct.com). We may need to create subcommittees for some of our larger projects, such as the Masquerade Ball.

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

**Fundraising Committee:**

**Bulk Mailing:** The residential letters were mailed on June 13, 2017. The business letters will be mailed by next weekend. The 600 business letters are stuffed; they still need to be labeled and sealed.

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

**Promotion and Merchandise Committee:**

**Acadia Book:** The Acadia East Windsor book is due out on August 7, 2017 just in time for the East Windsor Historical Society's Ice Cream Social. Acadia will provide a banner and poster to draw attention to the booth. Ceil will receive pre-order forms for the East Windsor 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion on July 15<sup>th</sup>. We can sell the books where ever we sell our merchandise. Book Club Bookstore and More will have a book signing.

**Calendars:** We have an additional photo of the Thrall Dance hall. We are looking for more photo submissions. If we choose to do a collage calendar, it was suggested that we should ad a small 250 into the collage in a "Where's Waldo?" fashion.

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

**Parade and Picnic Committee:**

No new updates.

Committee: \*Diane Lajoie, \*Rebecca Talamini, \*Bill Thim

**Social Media Committee:**

Keep sharing our Facebook page with your friends:

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

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

**Press & Advertising Committee:**

The North Central News article about the EW250 was published last week.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**East Windsor 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion:** The 1967 East Windsor class reunion will be held on July 15, 2017 at Topstone Country Club in South Windsor. The social hour is from 3 to 6pm. We will need someone to man a table there. John Burnham said he will go. We also need to contact the 1968 graduates for our 250<sup>th</sup> celebration. We will look for the class president in the yearbooks.

**Public Participation:** Bob Cormier, a twenty-two year East Windsor resident and former member of the Board of Finance joined us to share some ideas he had for the 250<sup>th</sup> parade.

- Drum and Bugle Corp – James Clark organist to the Broad Brook Congregational Church may be a contact person
- Larry Tribble, owner of Southern Auto Auction, has a 1947 Cadillac Convertible we could ask if he would like to be in the parade

- Larry's daughter owns a horse stable on Abbe Road; perhaps the horses could be in the parade.
- We should ask the local school bands for participation: East Windsor High School, East Windsor Middle School, South Windsor High School, Enfield High School, Somers High School, etc.
- See if the local churches want to participate
- See if local clubs will participate, such as the Lion's Club, Rotary Club, American Legion, etc.

**Lynn Tracy-Thim made a motion to adjourn. Bill Thim seconded the motion.  
The meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Lajoie