



East Windsor 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee  
July 6, 2017  
East Windsor Historical Society

The July 6, 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 6:57 pm.

**Attendance:**

Present: Barbara Burnham, John Burnham, Andy Hoffman, \*Diane Lajoie, Kirk Montstream, Tim Moore, Ian Neill, Debbie Talamini, \*Rebecca Talamini, \*Tom Talamini, \*Bill Thim, Patricia Tracy, \*Lynne Tracy-Thim, Jessica Vogelgesang

Absent: \*Paul Anderson, \*Jason Bowsza, \*Peg Hoffman, \*Scott Morgan,

\*indicates steering committee members

**Minutes Reading:**

The minutes from the June 1, 2017 meeting and the June 15, 2015 meeting were reviewed.

**Tom Talamini made a motion to accept the June 1, 2017 minutes; Bill Thim seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

**Tom Talamini made a motion to accept the June 15, 2017 minutes; Bill Thim seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Since we had a first-time visitor, we introduced ourselves at the start of the meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Time Capsule:** No updates.

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

**Planning Committee:**

**Victorian Lady Tea Party:** Debbie Talamini was concerned that the senior center wouldn't draw a large enough crowd to put on the demonstration; however Pat Tracy said they attract a lot of people when they hold their events.

We are still at a standstill until more money is raised to cover the events.

**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 and business letter mailings are complete. So far we have raised \$1,280 (thousands less than the cost) through the letter campaign. The Park Hill residents did a great job stuffing and labeling all of the envelopes; we will send them a thank-you letter for their help.

**Town Businesses:** Andy Hoffman will revisit the largest companies in town to ask for

donations.

Town Condominium Meetings: Claude Cloutier distributed our letter at the annual meeting of his condominium complex; he also sold \$164 worth of merchandise.

Large Donations: If we receive a substantial donation from a business, Andy will ask for permission to advertise the donation. If we have their permission, we will submit a press release with the donation details.

Auto Raffle: We discussed going back to the auto raffle idea; however that will require upfront money that we do not have.

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 on August 12, 2017. The other signing events include the 4H Fair on August 19<sup>th</sup>, the Book Club Bookstore event on September 7<sup>th</sup>, the 4 Town Fair from September 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>, and Community Day on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Acadia will provide a banner and poster to draw attention to the booth. We can sell the books where ever we sell our merchandise.

Wooden Signs: The four wooden signs for the town entrances, but we need to paint them. Rebecca Talamini will host a painting party in August.

Since the merchandise sales have been solid, we discussed reinvesting some of the money for more merchandise to be sold.

Tree Promotion: Pat Tracey suggested a promotion to plant a tree in each village. A person, organization, or business will sponsor a tree to be planted. Tim Moore discussed the type of tree; it should be a tree native to this region that will require a minimum of maintenance.

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

**Parade and Picnic Committee:**

No new updates.

Committee: \*Diane Lajoie, \*Rebecca Talamini, \*Bill Thim {Point Person: 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 River Commission Cardboard Boat Race and the BMX Skate Park Rubber Duck Race will be held on July 8, 2017.

**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. We will be selling merchandise at the social hour is from 3 to 6pm. The president of the 1968 class is John Tschumuni. John Burnham's sister was a member of the class of 1968; we can call her for contact information.

Public Participation: Pat Tracy joined us to share her ideas the town's EW250 Celebration:

- A sunflower theme to get people excited about the upcoming celebration. A local artist would create fiberglass sunflowers for local businesses and organizations to purchase and decorate; they would be displayed around town.
- People could plant sunflowers around town to show their support. It could be an elementary school project to each plant a sunflower seed in a cup.

- Sell a badge with a sunflower, a dinosaur, or the town logo. The badge let people get free refills on coffee or soda at our events.
- Look into the cost of the billboard on route 5.

**Tom Talamini made a motion to adjourn. Bill Thim seconded the motion.  
The meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Lajoie