



East Windsor 250th Anniversary Committee
July 20, 2017
East Windsor Historical Society

The July 20, 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, Ceil Donahue, *Peg Hoffman, Andy Hoffman, *Diane Lajoie, Tim Moore, Ian Neill, Debra Nordell, Andy Shefrin, *Rebecca Talamini, *Bill Thim, Patricia Tracy, *Lynne Tracy-Thim

Absent: *Jason Bowsza, *Scott Morgan,

*indicates steering committee members

Minutes Reading:

The minutes from the July 6, 2017 meeting were reviewed.

Paul Anderson made a motion to accept the July 6, 2017 minutes; Bill Thim seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstention.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Since we had visitors, we introduced ourselves at the start of the meeting.

Paul Anderson read the State of East Windsor report on the East Windsor 250th committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Time Capsule: No updates.

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

Planning Committee:

Wood Memorial Library: Debbie Talamini reached out to the Wood Memorial Library to see if they want to meet to discuss a possible joint event.

Warehouse Point Fire Department: Debra Nordell and Andy Shefrin from the Warehouse Point Fire Depart joined our meeting to offer to help with some of our events. They have a Fire Truck Bounce Slide that we can borrow for the Food Truck Fest or the Sundae Fun-Day. They are having a “Haunted Hose Company” at the old hose house this year on Halloween. The Warehouse Point Fire Department hosts a yearly past dinner the night before the Veteran’s run; this year the dinner is November 10, 2107 and the run is November 11, 2017. For 2018 we might have a Touch-a-truck and ice cream event at the Hose House.

Masquerade Ball: Rebecca Talamini is going to look into the prices for champagne glasses etched with our logo, mask prices and a photo booth.

Scouts: Valerie Galinski suggested hosting a blood drive, possibly at Scout Hall.

Shoe Drive: Rebecca Talamini will work with the Rotary Club to host a shoe drive in March to April. New and Used shoes are collected for Soles for Souls. Good shoes are brought to third world countries; shoes beyond hope are melted down and repurposed.

Local Fairs: 4H booth on 8/19/2017. Four-Town Fair is September 14 to 17, 2017.

Acadia Book: Book launch at the ice social. We will sell the books for \$20; \$10 will come to us. The books will be available at the town hall, libraries, and businesses throughout town.

Coming Events Flyers: Ceil found 1000 sheets (2000 half sheets) with our color logo for \$77. The flyers will be on 50 weight paper.

Diane Lajoie made a motion to order 1000 sheets of the event flyers for \$77. Paul Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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. 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:

Town Businesses: Andy Hoffman has revisited a number of businesses in town. He asked MMCT for \$10, 000; he asked Geissler's and Walmart for \$5,000 each. Andy attempted to contact a few of our other large business without success; Andy is going to follow-up to these companies with a letter.

Fundraising Letter Material: We have extra letters and envelopes with the 250th logo on them if committee members need them for correspondences.

Donations: Big Y donated ten \$25 gift cards; we will use two for a tea-cup raffle. The remaining eight gift cards will be used for expenses for some of our events. The Syme Family Farm offered to donate a plant for a raffle.

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

Promotion and Merchandise Committee:

T-shirts: We need to order some t-shirts in the sizes that have sold. We will need twelve 2X t-shirts and one 5X t-shirt.

Paul Anderson made a motion to order additional t-shirts at the best available quantity and prices; Bill Thim seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Wooden Signs: Rebecca Talamini is setting up a painting party at the Osborn House on Saturday July 22, 2017. Bring your own brushes and sponge rollers.

Single-sided Signs: We need two of the 24x24" EW250 signs for the parade. We are going to order 24 single-sided signs at \$30 each for \$720.

Diane Lajoie made a motion to purchase 24 signs at \$30 each. Bill Thim seconded the motion.

Sunflower Promotion: Pat Tracey will look into suppliers to make EW250 Sunflowers with our logo in the center of the flower. Pat will pre-sell the sunflowers for display around town.

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

Parade and Picnic Committee:

No new updates. It was suggested that we get cars for members of the different graduating classes to ride in the parade.

Committee: *Diane Lajoie, *Rebecca Talamini, *Bill Thim {Point Person: Bill Thim}

Social Media Committee:

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

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

Press & Advertising Committee:

Pat Tracy's editorial about the sunflower promotion was in the newspaper. The East Windsor Selectman's report has been published.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Veteran's Memorial: We discussed purchasing a \$35 pavers stone for the Veteran's memorial on the town green.

Parade Float: We are going to have a 250th parade float in the Four-Town Fair. Richard Pippin is lending his trailer; John Burnham is letting us use a cardboard boat as part of the display. We have one EW250 banner and need to order a second banner for the other side of the float. We are going to use two 24x24" EW250 signs on the float also. Diane Lajoie is asking for \$220 to purchase the materials needed for the float.

Diane Lajoie made a motion to approve up to \$220 for parade float expenses. Bill Thimm Seconded the motion. The motion passed.

1967 Class Reunion: The 1967 East Windsor class reunion was held on July 15, 2017 at Topstone Country Club in South Windsor. Ceil said everyone had a good time and mentioned that Lavern Shary, the bicentennial queen in 1968, still looks amazing.

Bicentennial Video: Paul Anderson has found an improved version of the 1968 video. He will continue to pursue a better copy.

Paul Anderson made a motion to adjourn. Lynn Tracy-Thim seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Lajoie