



East Windsor 250th Anniversary Committee
September 7, 2017
East Windsor Historical Society

The September 7, 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, Gentry Carrubba, Steven Downs, Valerie Galinski, Andy Hoffman, *Diane Lajoie, Debra Nordell, Burma Shaw, Debbie Talamini, *Rebecca Talamini, *Tom Talamini, *Bill Thim, *Lynne Tracy-Thim

Absent: *Jason Bowsza, *Peg Hoffman, *Scott Morgan,
*indicates steering committee members

Minutes Reading:

The minutes from the July 20, 2017 meeting were not available for review. We did not have a quorum for our August 17, 2017 meeting. The minutes for the July 20, 2017, August 3, 2017, and August 17, 2017 meetings were reviewed at the September 7, 2017 meeting.

- **Paul Anderson made a motion to accept the August 17, 2017 meeting minutes. Bill Thim seconded the motion. The motion passed with two abstentions.**
- **Tom Talamini made a motion to accept the August 3, 2017 meeting minutes. Bill Thim seconded the motion. The motion passed.**
- **Paul Anderson made a motion to accept the July 20, 2017 meeting minutes. Tom Talamini seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

COMMUNICATIONS:

We received a thank you letter from Jim Barton the Veterans Committee for ordering a commemorative brick.

Police Chief DeMarco gave us 15 coins they had made up for the 45th anniversary of the police department. We discussed possible uses for the coins; since the police department is giving the coins away, we don't want to try to sell them. We will most likely use them to recognize EW250 volunteers. The coins were a very good quality; we will find out what company they used.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Time Capsule: No updates at this time. We briefly discussed the possible items that might go in it.

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

Planning Committee:

Boy Scouts and Republicans: Bill Thim spoke with Bob Leach recently and received the following updates: the Boy Scouts will work traffic control in the parking lot at the Reenactment/Food Truck fest. The Boy Scouts will have a float in next year's community

day parade. The Republican Elephant that made its debut in 1968 will be 50 years old and ready for the community day parade next year; we can't find the Democrat Donkey from the Bi-Centennial.

Baseball Game: Paul Anderson asked if we could sell vintage-style tickets to the vintage baseball game at the 1864 price. We will check to see if there was a fee to see a game in 1864. The hot dog vendor is all set for the game. Joe Sauerhoff has said we can use his pop corn machine; Debbie Talamini will ask the Rotary Club if they will provide the pop corn, oil, etc. Debbie Talamini will see if the Rotary Club can sponsor the baseball game for \$500.

Winter Fest: The Winter Festival is now on February 24, 2018 so it doesn't interfere with the Abby's Walk Gala. We discussed possible activities to have at the festival: winter crafts for the kids, ice carver, horses, a winter hike, a Lego station, a selfie background, and an ice rink.

Touch-a-Truck: The Warehouse Point Fire Department is all set for their Touch-a-Truck event on July 14, 2018.

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:

Chris Corkum's Baseball, Inc. made a \$100 donation to the EW250 Committee. Andy Hoffman wrote a letter to the Wal-Mart Foundation at their corporate headquarters to solicit a donation. Andy has started talking to companies about pledges for sponsorship of our events.

Fundraising Event: Burma Shaw suggested we hold an event to show the documentary called "Thrall Hall" with a question and answer period. She looked into costs of possible locations; the high school would be free if we held the event mid-week. Burma has three people involved in the hall's history willing to take part in a question and answer session.

Fundraising Event-2017: Burma Shaw suggested we can do a wreath making workshop mid-November for a fundraiser. Everyone in the EW250 will check their attics for craft picks and supplies they don't need, so we can see what our supply looks like. We will charge \$10 or \$15 to join us for a pleasant get-together with refreshments to make a festive holiday decoration.

Andy Hoffman has decided to run for Selectman as an independent candidate. Andy is going to back away from his fundraising efforts for the EW250 until after November; he doesn't want it to look like there is a conflict of interests.

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: We will be selling merchandise at the Four-Town Fair, September 14 to 17, 2017. Ceil is creating a schedule for the people who have volunteered to help cover the table. We are out of both gray and black hats and running low on sweatshirts.

The wine bottle wind chimes and candleholders have been selling; many people like the unique item.

Acadia Books: The EW250 copies of the book are being sold at the town hall, warehouse point library, senior center, and broad brook library. They will also be at the booth at the Four-Town Fair.

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

Parade and Picnic Committee:

No new updates; we will try to get a breakdown of the different costs.

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/>.

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

Press & Advertising Committee:

No updates this week.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Parade Float: We will be setting up the parade float this weekend; Diane Lajoie will email the date and time once it is determined. We will also need kids to ride the float to throw candy; we will see if Ian Neil and his family are available.
- Blood Drive: The January 13, 2018 blood drive will be at Scout Hall from 8 am to 1 pm. The blood drive is asking that we get some people committed to the drive listed on a sign-up sheet. The Warehouse Point Fire Department is hosting a blood drive on October 11, 2017 from 1:30 pm to 6:30 pm. We will bring our sign-up sheet to their event.

Paul Anderson made a motion to adjourn. Tom Talamini seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Lajoie