



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

The December 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, Jim Barton, Ceil Donahue, Valerie Galinski, *Diane Lajoie, Kirk Montstream, *Scott Morgan, Ian Neill, Debra Nordell, *Rebecca Talamini, *Bill Thim, *Lynne Tracy-Thim

Absent: *Jason Bowsza, *Peg Hoffman, *Tom Talamini

*indicates steering committee members

Minutes Reading:

The minutes from the December 7, 2017 meeting were not available. They will be reviewed at the January 2, 2018 meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Reappointments and Roles within the Committee: With the renewal of the committee members' status, Rebecca Talamini asked if we wanted to change our roles within the committee. We decided roles will remain the same.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Time Capsule Committee: Tim Moore will bring the time capsule to his father-in-law to galvanize it. We will start advertising where the time capsule submission collection sites will be during our events. We will get the proper permits to dig up the bicentennial time capsule in April. (Call public works 211 before the dig.) We will unseal the time capsule before the opening day so we don't have trouble at the ceremony. We will apply for a variance so we can bury our 250 time capsule in the bicentennial time capsule location. Time Capsule Committee: *Jason Bowsza, John Burnham, Tim Easter, Kirk Montstream, Chuck Riggott, and *Bill Thim.

Events Committee: (Former Planning Committee)

Masquerade Ball: Tickets are on sale now; so far about 60 tickets have been sold. All glasses, noisemakers, masks and the photo backdrop have arrived. Rebecca Talamini will help set up on Saturday afternoon. We will need someone to sell at the raffle table.

First Day Hike: The First Day Hike is 1 pm at the Melrose State Park. Rebecca will have a table to sell hats, sweatshirts, and calendars.

Baseball Game: The paperwork is now filed to use the high school field for the vintage baseball game.

Blood Drive: **The blood drive is on January 13, 2018 at Scout Hall from 8 am to 1pm. We will submit the event in a press release to the JI.**

Kid's Winter Fest: Ian Neill spoke to Jim Stremper; he is trying to get some horses for the Kid's Winter Fest. We might have a horse and sleigh for photos.

Garden Tour: Nancy Masters had to step down from organizing the garden tour. She had asked the Garden Club if they would take it over, but the members are getting older or don't have the time. We also had concerns about insurance for the tour. Without anyone to coordinate the tour, it is now canceled; we might do something smaller that is garden related.

5 Library Event: February 3rd is "Take your child to the Library Day", and February is National Library Month. In February we will have a passport scavenger hunt at libraries in East Windsor, Ellington, and South Windsor: Hall Memorial Library, Wood Memorial Library, South Windsor Library, Broad Brook Library, and Warehouse Point Library. The libraries will have passport books, one per family, with the list of items to be found at all 5 libraries. The kids will find the five at each library and get the passport signed by the librarian. Once they have found all the items, the librarian will collect their name and contact information for a drawing. The family will keep the passport book as a 250 souvenir. The libraries will meet again on Monday January 8th.

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.

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

Fundraising Committee:

Not much money has been coming in for the 250. Les from Joe's Fine Wine and Spirits is asking people for donations. He also offered to help us advertise our events. Les will print the flyers to be distributed throughout town; the Veteran's Green Dedication is missing on the flyers. Ceil Donahue will email the document to Paul Anderson to make the changes before sending it to Les.

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

Promotion and Merchandise Committee:

Merchandise Supplies: The second shipment of knit hats is here; they are \$20 each.

Volunteer Shirts: The polo shirts are very expensive, so we will have red Volunteer T-shirts for committee members to wear at events so we will be easier to identify when people need help.

Scott Morgan made a motion to order 20 t-shirts for the committee volunteers. Bill Thim seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

Heritage Day Committee: (Former Parade and Picnic Committee)

Heritage Day: We discussed possible locations for Heritage Day. Rebecca had concerns that the Reservoir doesn't have enough lighting to be there after dark. We considered Scout Hall and discussed the following: the parade route might be difficult, we could have hay rides on the property to the river, and we need a place to set up the fireworks at Scout Hall. We also discussed using the property where the Broad Brook Fire Department festival was held: they have electric service on the property; we can use the Res as a set-up point for the parade, there will be room for parking and the event, and they have done fireworks there in the past.

Since we are going to have an East Windsor ambulance in the parade, we are going to ask if they will stay at the picnic as a mini first-aid station. We will not have liquor at the event.

Parade: We need to create entry forms for the parade. If we are going to start the parade at the Res, we need to let them know the trailers are going to be there after hours. Set up for

the parade will start at 2 pm; the parade will kick-off at 2:50 pm. We will set up a reviewing stand along the parade route—possibly near the Broad Brook Library. The Shriners will participate in the parade and set up a table at the picnic. They keep \$500 for participation; the rest of the money goes to the hospital.

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

Advertising/Social Media Committee: (Former Web and Social Media Committee and Press and Advertising Committee)

School Newspaper: Of we get our events submitted by the second week of the month they will be in the following month's school newspapers.

The EW250 Facebook page has been active; keep sharing with your friends.

<https://www.facebook.com/EastWindsor250/>. Photos from the Masquerade Ball will be posted on Facebook in January.

The blood drive flyers are here to be distributed around town; we will advertise in the newspaper too.

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

- The next EW250 meeting will be on Tuesday January 2, 2018.

Paul Anderson made a motion to adjourn. Bill Thim seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Lajoie