



East Windsor 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee  
Special Meeting  
January 16, 2018  
East Windsor Historical Society

The January 16, 2018 special planning meeting for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of East Windsor met at the Osborn House of the East Windsor Historical Society.

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 pm.

**Attendance:**

Present: \*Paul Anderson, Barbara Burnham, \*Ceil Donahue, Valerie Galinski, \*Diane Lajoie, Ron Masters, \*Scott Morgan, Ian Neill, Debbie Talamini, \*Rebecca Talamini, \*Tom Talamini, \*Bill Thim, \*Lynne Tracy-Thim

\*indicates steering committee members

**Minutes Reading:**

The minutes from the January 2, 2018 special meeting were reviewed.

Paul Anderson made a motion to accept the January 2, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Bill Thim seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstention.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Home Show: The Broad Brook Library and the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary are going to share a 12' booth at the Home and Product Show at the old Walmart on March 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. We have a benefactor paying for the admission. The hours are Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 5 pm and Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 6 pm; set up is Friday March 9<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 6 pm.

Parks and Rec Car Show: The weekly car show that was formerly at the German Club will be held at the Res starting May 15<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm to dusk. We are working on planning an EW250 cruise night for one of those Tuesdays.

Rodney Smith Wrestling Tournament: The tournament will be from 8 am to 6 pm on January 27, 2018. Do we want a table there while they are serving lunch (10 am to 1 pm)?

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Time Capsule Committee:** No updates.

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

**Events Committee:**

Blood Drive: The January 13, 2018 blood drive collected 30 pints of blood and we made \$181 in EW250 merchandise sales.

Kids Winterfest: Checks have been requested for the Girl Scouts for the supplies they need and Jim Stremper for bringing the horses and sleigh. We will need the Legos from the barn at Scout Hall for the event. Lynn Tracy-Thim is trying to get donuts donated from Dunkin' Donuts; if that falls through, she will try directly through MASSCON.

Library Scavenger Hunt: Details are almost complete for the Love Your Library Scavenger

Hunt. The five libraries (East Windsor, Ellington, and South Windsor: Hall Memorial Library, Wood Memorial Library, South Windsor Library, Broad Brook Library, and Warehouse Point Library) will have passports to give to each family. Each library has five questions or tasks to complete before the librarian signs their passport. Once the family completes the tasks at all of the libraries, the final librarian will photocopy the family's information for a raffle. The drawing will take place at the Book Club Bookstore & More in South Windsor. We will need a 250<sup>th</sup> Committee representative to pull the names for the drawing.

Sundae Fun Day: We are setting the hours for the July 15, 2018 free sundae at the Res for 12 to 3 pm.

Vintage Baseball Game: The Vintage Baseball Game set for May 5, 2018 will start at 11 am. We don't have the name of the opposing team yet, but we think it might be Woodstock. We are going to ask our sponsors if we can borrow banners to hang behind home plate on the day of the event.

Victorian Lady Tea Party: The Victorian Lady is going to present the Gilded Age clothing and lifestyle on March 21, 2018 at the senior center. The senior center has lunch scheduled at noon and the bus leaves at 2 pm. We are going to have the presentation from 12:30 pm to 2 pm with cake and coffee at 2pm. We were told the event is limited to 35 or 40 people, but will confirm that number before the next meeting.

Experimental Aviation Association: Ron Masters of the Experimental Aviation Association at Skylark Airport offered to take part in the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. We discussed Skylark Airport as a destination on the August 4<sup>th</sup> East Windsor Day at the Trolley museum. They can park their antique planes at the end of the trolley stop. We also suggested that they can do a flyover on Heritage Day.

Fire Truck Bounce House: We have permission to use the town's Fire Truck Bounce House; we would like to use it at these four events: Touch-a-Truck, Sundae Fun Day, Food Truck Festival, and Heritage Day.

**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).

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

### **Fundraising Committee:**

We received a \$1000 donation from Noble Fire Brick Company.

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

### **Promotion and Merchandise Committee:**

Merchandise Sales: The libraries and town hall are selling our merchandise.

Volunteer Shirts: The red volunteer t-shirts are here. Volunteers will wear these t-shirts at events we are hosting so people can identify us if they need help.

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

### **Heritage Day Committee:**

Heritage Day: We need to call Eversource to put an electric meter on the property for the day; the church will have to let us in the house to connect to their water system to use; we will have to check to make sure the Harrington house still has pipes. The parking area traditionally for the Broad Brook Fire Department Carnival belongs to the Banelly family; we will ask them if we can use the back field for hayrides and fireworks. We need to

contact the Fire marshal about the fireworks. We will set up Lawn Games for the day such as a Giant Jenga, Connect 4, and Twister at the site.

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: Bill Thim has sent letters inviting Dannel Malloy, Tim Larson, Christopher Davis, and Carol Hall to participate in our September 22, 2018 event. The Shriners are booked.

We need to verify that we can use the Res as a staging area for the start of the parade, and mark out the parking area for the floats at the end of the parade

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

**Advertising/Social Media Committee:**

School Newspaper: Lynn Tracey-Thim sent a flyer to the Superintendent of schools to advertise the Kid's Winterfest. Park and Rec has a digital screen at Town Hall. Send the information to Amanda Schroll to update the East Windsor Calendar. Lynn has also sent a press release to the North Central News.

Ceil Donahue sent a letter to the Editor of the JI to thank everyone who participated at the Masquerade Ball.

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

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

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

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- The next EW250 meeting will be on Tuesday February 6, 2018.

**Paul Anderson made a motion to adjourn. Bill Thim seconded the motion.**

**The meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Lajoie