



East Windsor 250th Anniversary Committee
February 6, 2018
East Windsor Historical Society

The February 6, 2018 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, *Ceil Donahue, *Diane Lajoie, Kirk Montstream, *Scott Morgan, Debbie Talamini, *Rebecca Talamini, *Tom Talamini, *Bill Thim, *Lynne Tracy-Thim

*indicates steering committee members

Minutes Reading:

The minutes from the January 16, 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.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Joe's Fine Wines and Spirits: Joe's Fine Wines and Spirits have a large EW250 Celebration sign outside of their building on route 140. We will send him a thank you note.

Parish: Ceil Donahue recently took the movie Parish out of the library. She compiled a list of places she recognized around CT in the movie. Ceil will send her "Things to Watch" list to the Warehouse Point Library for their two showings of the movie in March.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny: The East Windsor Rotary Club Breakfast with the Easter Bunny will be on March 24, 2018 from 8:30 to 11:30 am. We will have a table to sell merchandise.

Opera House: The Broad Brook Opera Company will not be able to do the open house in June. The building has been sold, and their lease is up at the end of the summer. They will be moving to their new location in Enfield in June.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Time Capsule Committee: Rogers Memorial will charge \$500 for a marking stone and \$150 to put it in the ground. We can save \$100 if we can use the back side of the 1968 time capsule marker.

Events Committee:

Rain: We will not have any rain dates; most events are rain or shine.

EW Schools: Christine DeBarge said the schools are ready to participate in the Celebration. The Broad Brook Elementary school will have an anniversary week in May with dinosaurs, poems, essays, and ending with a concert. The Middle School is going to do research of notable people from East Windsor. The East Windsor High School is going to have a Where Are They Now showcase. The high school would also like to run a Fitness Fun Zone on Heritage Day.

Kids Winterfest: The Girl Scouts are all set with about 12 activity stations. We have donuts coming from MASSCONN on Sullivan Avenue in South Windsor. Lynn has contacted Channel 3's Better Connecticut TV show and sent an email to NBC's Snow Monster to see if they would like to attend our event.

Love Your Library Scavenger Hunt: The passport booklets for the scavenger hunt are at the five participating libraries and the Book Club Book Store; one has been saved for the time capsule. Advertising for the event is on the South Windsor Public Library, Wood Memorial Library, and Warehouse Point Library websites and the Broad Brook Library Facebook page. Entrants who have completed the scavenger hunt at all five libraries will have a chance to win a gold book mark, gift certificates from Main Street Grill, At the Dam Restaurant, Henry's Pizzeria, or Book Club Bookstore; the drawings will be 11 am on March 3, 2018 at Book Club Bookstore.

May 19, 2018: We will open and inspect the contents of the 1968 time capsule at a special town meeting on May 19, 2018. We will unearth the time capsule prior to the 19th so we can unseal the capsule and make opening it on the 19th easier while people are watching. Joe from the DPW has said he will help us get what we need to open the time capsule. We will try to get music and snacks for the meeting. Ceil is going to talk to the fife and drum club to see if they are available.

Sundae Fun Day: We are setting the hours for the July 15, 2018 free sundae at the Res for 12 to 3 pm with organized events occurring every half hour. Free ice cream for the first 50 people. We will try to get goggles and swim fins as prizes from local sporting good stores. Maine Fish Market sponsored a local entertainer, but she now may not be able to perform at the event; Rebecca will contact Maine Fish Market and ask if we can use the sponsorship for something else.

Vintage Baseball Game: The Vintage Baseball Game set for May 5, 2018 will start at 11 am. We will sell ticket at the gate for (25 cents each). Lynn designed the tickets; we will have them printed on card stock.

Revolutionary War Reenactment: The Reenactment will need fire wood and hay bales. Stanton Equipment, Inc. on route 5 has donated \$100 toward these expenses.

August Movie Night: The Cub Scouts have taken over the planning of the August Movie Night.

Garden Tour: The Garden Tour is back on, but it is not a 250 committee event. Ian Neil has offered to help Nancy Masters organize it.

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 need to notify the DPW to set up and tear down the fire truck bounce slide the day before and day after the event. We need two people to man the slide at all times; perhaps some of the high school students need who community service hours to graduate.

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.

Fundraising Committee:

Rebecca is attending the PTO meeting on Thursday; she will ask them if they would like to sponsor an event

Promotion and Merchandise Committee:

Merchandise: The libraries and town hall are selling our merchandise. The stock is looking good right now.

Heritage Day Committee:

Heritage Day: The parade will kick-off at 2:50 pm and arrive at the event grounds around 3:30 pm. Sundown is about 6:30 pm; the fireworks will be at 8:30 pm.

Eversource said they have a temporary power rate: \$44/month and \$10 or \$12 for the meter, plus electricity used. We will need generator lights for the parking lot and event area; we will ask for donations from Capital Equipment and United Rentals.

The house on the church land doesn't have water. We will ask Richard Pippin for port-potties and a washing station. Richard Pippin said, by law, we need at least six potties; we feel we need at least 8. He offered us a reduced price for what we need.

Joyce Bonelli has given us permission to use her land, but she said there is too much wetland for a hay ride. Joyce also asked that we make sure the town insurance will cover the event on her land.

We will try to contact the Broad Brook Fire Marshall, Blaine Simpkins Jr.; we will ask if they can set up their Bingo for Heritage Day.

We will ask if the Ambulance in the parade can set up a first station for the event.

We will need a stage and tent for the entertainment; the stage will need to be in a car accessible location for equipment loading and unloading. We will schedule the musicians and entertainment in time blocks. Tom, the music guy from Cracker Barrel Entertainment, has contacted us. Pride Fitness will participate in the parade and do a demonstration. Trick Dynamics can do a 2 hour display, but they need a 25 x 25 portable floor. Stray Dogs is available for 3 hours at \$420.

Food: Hot Dogs and Burgers from Sam's Club will cost about \$1400. One club has offered to cook the food; we are expecting between 1000 and 1500 people. We will need some picnic tables for food.

Vendors: We will set up a vendor area. We will charge the vendors for the space unless they are a non-profit.

Lawn Games: We will check to see if the Broad Brook Library has some carnival games.

Fireworks: We need to coordinate with Steve Dearborn to get the set up time and area needed for the fireworks; contact the fire department as needed, etc.

Parade: The Grand Marshall of the parade will be Rebecca Talamini.

We will have "Village" Awards: Broad Brook, Melrose, Scantic, Warehouse Point, and Windsorville. Each village will represent a different category: most original, best theme, most spirited, and best marching band have been discussed so far. The reviewing stand will be at the Broad Brook Library; it is usually a trailer set up as a raised platform.

We will invite the Mayor, Fire Department, and Ambulance from Windsor, Ellington, South Windsor, and possibly Enfield and Windsor Locks.

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.

We have flyers for the Kids' Winterfest and Love your Library Scavenger Hunt.

Lynn reported a problem with the merchandise page of the website; Rebecca will look into it.

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

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Since some people who initially volunteered to be part of the committees have had commitment issues, I am removing all of the contact people for the committees on the minutes. People contact Rebecca Talamini at the EW250@eastwindsorct.com email address and Rebecca forwards the information to the committee point person.
- Lynn Tracy-Thim created 25 East Windsor 250 numbered, commemorative rocks; they will be sold for \$10 each. Rock #1 is going in the time capsule.
- Rebecca will not be here for the March 6, 2018 meeting. We need to assign someone as Vice Chair.

Ceil Donahue made a motion to nominate Paul Anderson as Vice Chair of the EW250 Anniversary Planning Committee; Scott Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- The next EW250 meeting will be on Tuesday February 20, 2018.

Scott Morgan made a motion to adjourn. Tom Talamini seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Lajoie