



East Windsor 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee  
March 20, 2018  
East Windsor Historical Society

The March 20, 2018 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 7:00 pm.

**Attendance:**

Present: \*Paul Anderson, \*Ceil Donahue, \*Diane Lajoie, Kirk Montstream, Debbie Talamini, \*Rebecca Talamini, \*Tom Talamini, \*Bill Thim \*Lynne Tracy-Thim

Absent: \*Scott Morgan

\*indicates steering committee members

**Minutes Reading:**

The minutes for the March 6, 2018 meeting were not available. They will be reviewed with the March 20, 2018 minutes at the April 3, 2018 meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Bunny Breakfast:** The Rotary Club and Parks and Recreation are hosting a Bunny Breakfast on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Rebecca will have a merchandise table there. They are asking us to donate a basket; it will have a mug, magnet, calendar, pencils, and a medium kid's shirt.

**Abby's Walk:** Abby's Walk is asking us to donate a raffle basket too. It will have a mug, magnet, blue baseball hat and a calendar.

**Blue and Gold Banquet:** Cub Scout pack 89 is planning their Blue and Gold Banquet. This year the theme is the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Each table is going to have a photo of a different place from around town. They have about 60 photos with descriptions for the event and a schedule of the 250<sup>th</sup> events.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Time Capsule Committee:** Bill Towers has said a few members of the Fife and Drum Corp will be at the Time Capsule opening. There will be a sign at the Trolley Museum wine and cheese event to remind people of the May 19, 2018 2:50 pm opening.

Kirk will work with Jessica Bottomley on Saturday to get to the time capsule in the barn at the Historical Society so it can be galvanized.

After the opening all of our flyers will remind people to submit items for the 2018 time capsule.

**Events Committee:**

Special event permits are almost completely signed. We will need a W9 from each of the event organizations so we can have town checks cut to pay for them.

**Victorian Lady:** We are all set for the Tea following the Victorian Lady presentation. She will be here with or without snow. If the schools don't open, the seniors will not have bus transportation to the senior center; about 10 to 15 people will be affected. There are about 60 people registered. Debbie Talamini collected and cleaned the teacups, and purchased the tea, creamers, and sugars. Ceil Donahue is making three different cakes for the event.

Vintage Base Ball Game: The opposing team is once again the Woodstock Hill Toppers, but they do not have a full team and are looking for volunteers. We will apply for the insurance rider after April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Soles for Souls: We will collect shoes for Soles for Souls during the month of April. New and used shoes of any condition are accepted; single shoes are also accepted. If the shoes can't be worn, the material will be used for other uses. We will accept shoes at drop off locations at the libraries, town hall, and both the East Windsor and South Windsor Geissler's. There will also be a box at Abby's Walk.

Sundae Fun Day: Sundae Fun Day at the Res is July 15, 2018 from 12 to 3 pm. Dollar General is donating about \$40 in summer merchandise for prizes at the event.

Ellsworth School Open House: Jessica from Wood Memorial Library is promoting the Ellsworth School Open House event on April 28, 2018 from 10am to 1pm.

Revolutionary War Reenactment: The Bissell Ride reenactment will take place at 11 am to kick off the event. We have 9 trucks confirmed and are still waiting for word from the taco truck.

**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).

#### **Fundraising Committee:**

The Victorian Lady Tea Party: The Talamini Family and Dale Nelson have cosponsored the Victorian Lady presentation. Ceil Donahue is sponsoring the cakes for the tea party. The Lion's Club and the Rotary Club are cosponsoring the Revolutionary War Reenactment. We have received the Lion's Club check, and are still waiting for the Rotary Club's check.

Bob Saunders from JR Russo will know about the proceeds from the Wishing Well raffle at the Home Show; he said they would be donated to the 250 celebration.

Lynn and Bill have a list of people and businesses who donated to the 1968 celebration; they will approach the ones who are still around. We will make a special note that they donated to both the Bicentennial and the 250<sup>th</sup>.

There are still sponsorship opportunities; if you want to be involved in our town's celebration, email [ew250@eastwindsorct.com](mailto:ew250@eastwindsorct.com).

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

Rebecca is going to look into the cost of water bottles to sell at the July Sundae Fun Day event.

The Trolley Museum will start selling merchandise this weekend. They will cut a check to the EW250 for the merchandise they have sold.

We are considering making a booklet of all the sponsors and events of the 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration. We talked about making 250 of them and selling them for \$1 each until they run out.

Coins: Rebecca is going to verify the cost of 250 coins and look into the cost of a case or draw-string bag for each coin. The cost of the coins alone will be around \$1000.

#### **Heritage Day Committee:**

Heritage Day: We will need about 5 or 6 police for the parade and 2 for the event grounds. The cost per officer is \$60/ hour with a 4 hour minimum. We are going to budget about \$2000 for the police. We might approach the police union in town to see if we can get a deal on the cost; even an exception to the 4 hour minimum would save the committee money.

**Tom Talamini made a motion to budget up to \$2,200 for the police presence at the**

**Heritage Day parade and celebration. Bill Thim seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

Fireworks: Carl Palmberg is the pyrotechnician who is going to run the fireworks. Carl is from East Windsor, and he is excited to do this in his own town; he is not charging us for his time. Steve Dearborn has budgeted \$10, 000 for the fireworks; it will cover about a ½ hour firework show. The fireworks will start around 8:30 pm.

The fire chief and company handling the fireworks will meet to inspect the area; it is the same spot where the fireworks have been launched at the Broad Brook Fire Department Carnival. Steve Dearborn said the budget for the fireworks is \$10,000.

Picnic: We are going to purchase 12 port-a-potties and 2 washing stations for the Heritage Day Event.

**Bill Thim made a motion to allocate the money for 12 port-a-potties and 2 wash stations for Heritage Day. Lynn Tracy-Thim seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

Food: After Rebecca talked to the Democratic Town Committee about providing food for Heritage Day, we decided it would be better to get Food Trucks for the picnic. Ceil is going to look into getting five food trucks for Heritage Day; she will look into Bear's Smoke House, a Fried Dough vendor, a Hot Dog Vendor, a pizza truck, etc.

Vendors: We are going to allow a limited number of vendors at our Heritage Day event. We discussed charging \$25 for a 10 by 10 space and \$15 for nonprofits.

Bingo: We will have a bingo update by the last meeting in April.

Workers: The Leo Club will get back to us about what they can do to help at Heritage Day. Their February and March meetings have been canceled due to snow.

Parade: Eleven parade forms have been submitted to us; they include Abby's Helping Hand, the East Windsor Historical Society, and Tom Holey's 1964 pick up truck. The town's Fife and Drum Corp will provide a few members at the Time Capsule opening and the Revolutionary War Reenactment for free. It will cost \$500 for the entire Fife and Drum Corp to participate in the Heritage Day Parade.

**Ceil Donahue made a motion to hire the Warehouse Point Ancient Fife and Drum Corp to march in the Heritage Day Parade for \$500. Bill Thim Seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

There will be a parade award for each of the five villages and a Grand Marshal Award. We will need to pick the people to be judges for the parade awards. Some people we will ask are life-long East Windsor residents; Selma and Phil Grant, Barbara Smegal, and Jessica Bottomley were mentioned as possible judges. We will look into getting a plaque with the 250 logo and the village name and date for each prize.

Parade Hires: There are some groups we can hire for our parade. The Shriners have already been secured at \$500. The Granby Horse Council (\$200) and the Nathan Hale Fife and Drum Corp (\$800) are also available.

**Bill Thim made a motion to reserve \$200 for the Granby Horse Council and no more than \$800 for the Nathan Hale Fife and Drum Corp. Tom Talamini seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

We are hoping to get Lavern Sherry to act as Parade Queen again; she was the Parade Queen in 1968. The East Windsor High School has a Mr. East Windsor contest; perhaps we can get the winner in our parade.

The forms to participate in the parade are on the website and Facebook page.

**Advertising/Social Media Committee:**

JI Advertising Stickers: Stickers for the front of JI papers cost \$1,225 for 25,000 stickers; the JI helps with artwork and layout for free. We can split the 25,000 stickers to two

different dates: June 1<sup>st</sup> and a few days before the Food Truck Fest.

Ceil Donahue made a motion to put aside \$2,500 for advertising stickers for the Reenactment/Food Truck event and Heritage Day. Bill Thim seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Yard Signs: Signs Plus has 24 two-sided signs available for \$15 each (\$360 total for each event). The signs must be put on private property throughout town.

**Tom Talamini made a motion to spend \$360 for 24 double-sided signs for the Reenactment/Food Truck Event. Bill Thim seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

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

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

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Limerick Contest: The EW250 Committee judged the 2018 Park and Recreation Limerick Contest. We chose a winner for each category. There was only one K-1<sup>st</sup> Grade submission. The 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> grade category had 17 submissions. The 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade category had 2 submissions. The adult category had 6 submissions.
- The Broad Brook Library Easter Wreath raffle drawing will be on Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup>.
- The next EW250 meeting will be on Tuesday April 3, 2018.

**Bill Thim made a motion to adjourn. Paul Anderson seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Lajoie