



East Windsor 250th Anniversary Committee
May 1, 2018
East Windsor Historical Society

The May 1, 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, *Diane Lajoie, Kirk Montstream, Debbie Talamini, *Rebecca Talamini, *Tom Talamini,

Absent: *Ceil Donahue, *Scott Morgan, *Bill Thim *Lynne Tracy-Thim

*indicates steering committee members

No Quorum

Minutes Reading:

The minutes for the April 17, 2018 meeting will be reviewed at the May 15, 2018 meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Time Capsule Committee: Kirk Montstream has the time capsule in his shop. It needs 8 or 9 coats of the heavy zinc paint. We will put the new time capsule on the trailer with the old one; we can put the car magnet on the time capsule.

We are going to get paint makers and have people sign the outside of the time capsule. The committee members will sign the inside of the cover.

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.

Schools: The Middle School has several EW250 projects in their curriculum this year. The Librarian is reading historical facts during morning announcements. Grade 5 has a history research project on a one-room school house on May 25, 2018. Grade 6 is making a town quilt with landmarks. Grade 7 math is making a scaled map showing where we are in the world during the last week in April. Grade 8 is having a town-related scavenger hunt on May 25, 2018. The school is also recreating a one-room schoolhouse on May twenty-fifth. The science department is creating their own time capsule in the last week of April. The language arts department is creating a brochure on notable people and events in town (due April 23, 2018). The Unified Arts, health, and PE will have colonial era games the last two weeks of school; the music department is doing music lessons from the era. The Art department is doing some quilting in June. The libraries at the schools are displaying historical books related to the town.

Garden/Farm/House Tour: The June 10, 2018 Garden Farm & House Tour has 13 locations confirmed. Advertising has begun for the tour.

Time Capsule Opening: The Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2018. People

are showing interest on Facebook. . We will send an official invitation to Mike Hunt of the Historical Society and the Town Representatives. Representative Christopher Davis is scheduled to be there. The Fife and Drum Corp members will arrive about 2:15pm and start playing at the opening around 2:30 pm. The opening will officially begin at 2:50 pm. Vintage Base Ball Game: We received the Wethersfield Onions' insurance waiver. The popcorn is all set. Rebecca will check to see if we have someone to sing the National Anthem. Do we need someone to line the field? We will get there for set up around 10 am. Nancy Masters found a Base Ball poem. We will post it on Facebook and bring a copy to the game.

Reenactment/Food Truck Fest: The Broad Brook School principle is interested in setting up a meet-and-greet at the school with one of the reenactment soldiers.

Community Garden: The community garden was plowed by four horse-drawn teams on April 28, 2018.

Soles for Souls: The Soles for Souls shoe drive ended on April 30, 2018. There were drop off points at the libraries, town hall, and both the East Windsor and South Windsor Geissler's. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Parrish: The Warehouse Point Library had two showings of Parrish. Twelve people attended on Wednesday April 18, 2018 at 6:30 pm, and fourteen people attended on Saturday April 21, 2018 at 2:00 pm.

Our Shared History: The Ellsworth School Open House, Old Main Street guide, and church open house on April 28th was a big success. They researched both the buildings' histories and the way of life in the surrounding area in the 1700's, when South Windsor was still part of East Windsor. The entire day had a nostalgic party atmosphere.

Volunteers: The Leo Club has sign-up sheets for some of our events, but it is hard to arrange outside of the school year. We will also check with the Boy Scouts.

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:

No updates.

Lynn Tracy-Thim is creating anew Heritage Day fundraising page.

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

Promotion and Merchandise Committee:

We sold \$98 in merchandise at the "Our Shared History" event on April 28, 2018.

The water bottles should be here by the next meeting.

We are waiting for the final proof for the coins. The price is up by \$25 to an even \$1000.

We are getting low on the bigger size t-shirts.

We have almost sold out of the Rocks; there are seven left out of the twenty-five Lynn created.

Heritage Day Committee:

Heritage Day: We sent the deposit for Kenny the Clown; Kenny will roam the picnic and entertain from 4 to 7. We are starting to get a little tight on space. We need to make sure we have the 25 x 25 area for the gymnastics demonstration.

We need to follow-up on the lighting for the area. United Rentals and Environmental Services are our possible suppliers.

Horseshoe Tournament: The area for the horseshoe games will be roped off just past the fence. Registration will begin at 4pm. They will begin advertising at the games at the

German Club.

Vendors: The forms for vendor tables have been created. So far we have 12 vendors interested, we have room for 20.

Shuttle Bus: We are waiting to hear from the Board of Ed's contacts about the cost of a shuttle bus to run from parking locations to the picnic. The shuttle will have to run from the end of the parade to about a half hour past the end of the fireworks (4 to 9:30pm). We will have visitors use the parking lots at the Broad Brook School, town hall, and the parks on Reservoir Avenue.

Parade: Lavern Sherry has recently moved; we will have a commitment from her by the next meeting. We received a form from a roller derby team to participate in the parade. Ron Masters has sent us a form for his antique car. We are expecting, but haven't received yet, a parade form from Tricks Dynamics. We will rope off an area in front of the Middle School for the horse teams.

Advertising/Social Media Committee:

The newspaper advertising has been set for the next few events.

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

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

- The Broad Brook Library has a raffle for a Mother's Day arrangement; the tickets are \$1 each.
- The next EW250 meeting will be on Tuesday May 15, 2018.

**Tom Talamini made a motion to adjourn. Paul Anderson seconded the motion.
The meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Lajoie