



East Windsor 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee  
May 15, 2018  
East Windsor Historical Society

The May 15, 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 6:59 pm.

**Attendance:**

Present: \*Paul Anderson, \*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 for the April 17, 2018 meeting were reviewed.

Paul Anderson made a motion to accept the April 17, 2018 minutes as submitted. Bill Thim seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The minutes for the May 1, 2018 meeting were reviewed.

Paul Anderson made a motion to accept the May 1, 2018 minutes as submitted. Bill Thim seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Tom spoke with Ann from the Senior Center; she is looking for transportation to the Reenactment on June 16<sup>th</sup>; there isn't any senior transportation on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Time Capsule Committee:** Set up at the Town Hall will begin at 12:30 pm on May 19, 2018; Joe will unlock the doors for us. We will need the time capsule loaded on the trailer. Rebecca is going to bring a display board of the dig on April 14, 2018. We are hoping Lavern Sherry will be at the opening since she put some of the items in the time capsule in 1968. 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.

**Time Capsule Opening:** The Town Hall Meeting in the meeting room is scheduled for May 19, 2018; the Fife and Drum Corp members will arrive about 2:15 pm, and start playing at the opening around 2:30pm. The opening will officially begin at 2:50 pm.

The Thim's have ordered the cookies and bought lemonaid. The Talamini's are bringing a cooler for the lemonaid. The networks and newspapers have been notified about the event. People are showing interest on Facebook.

**Veterans' Green Dedication:** The Veterans' Green dedication will be at 2pm on Sunday May 20, 2018. Set up will begin at 12:30pm.

**Garden/Farm/House Tour:** The June 9, 2018 Garden Farm & House Tour has 13 locations confirmed. The money for the tour is going to the garden club and historic society; the

wording of the signs for the tour make it look like the money collected will support the EW250; it is a little confusing.

Vintage Baseball Game: About 70 people came to the Vintage Baseball Game on May 5, 2018. Several high school players filled in open spaces on the Wethersfield Onions and the pick up team. The kids had so much fun, the EW Baseball Team and the Wethersfield Onions are going to try to set up another game after their season is over.

Reenactment/Food Truck Fest: Things are set for the June 16, 2018 Reenactment and Food Truck Fest. The police have been notified about the cannon and will make Abbe Road one way for the day of the event. We are scheduling one of the reenactment soldiers to talk to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm.

The lawn signs for the reenactment are posted around town. We need to cut the checks for the reenactment to have them ready for the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Cub Scout Dinner and Movie Night: The Cub Scouts might need some money for their August 25, 2018 movie night. Since we do not have the money to assist, they might have to charge admission for their event to cover the costs.

### **Fundraising Committee:**

No updates.

**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 \$230 in merchandise at the Vintage Baseball Game and \$73.25 in ticket sales. Rebecca Talamini has ordered the coins for \$912.50. They should be here in a few weeks.

### **Heritage Day Committee:**

Heritage Day: The Broad Brook Fire Department is going to run Bingo at Heritage Day. We might need to help them with the paperwork.

Horseshoe Tournament: The area for the horseshoe games will be roped off just past the fence. We need a path cleared along the back side of the fence to get there. 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 will have to call the Smith Bus company directly to arrange the shuttle bus service. Scott Morgan will get us a contact name and number. The shuttle will have to run from the end of the parade to about a half our 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, including the back field of the Res. We need to make sure they do not lock the gate at the Res for the night of the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Parade: The horse people want to start at the BMX park; it is quieter for the animals. We need to decide the six parade categories. We can order engraved plaques for \$60 each from Awards and More. The Nathan Hale Fife and Drum are available for \$800. Lavern Sherry has confirmed to be in the parade; we will advertise her presence on the event flyer.

### **Advertising/Social Media Committee:**

Lynne Tracy-Thim's flyers for all of our events have been great.

Some of the recent news articles have connected town events with the 250 that are not part of our celebration. The JI had a picture of Barbara Smegle at an 18<sup>th</sup> century style dinner she held earlier this month; it was reported as part of our 250<sup>th</sup> events; unfortunately none of the EW250 committee members knew about the dinner. There was a Go Local article about the garden tour. The article contained a photo of the people running the garden tour, but the

article wording made it look like they were the EW250 planning committee. The vague wording is a bit misleading. Rebecca Talamini has contacted the reporter for the Go Local article asking for an article on the EW250 committee that mentions all of our 250 events so people will be aware of all of the events we have scheduled. While we are happy for the advertising; the misleading details in the articles are confusing for the people in town. The EW250 Facebook page has been active; keep sharing with your friends.  
<https://www.facebook.com/EastWindsor250/>.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Swede's Jewelers has talked about making a silver charm to celebrate the town's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They are talking about giving 5% of the proceeds to the town.
- The Broad Brook Library entryways are unsafe. The owner of the Broad Brook Hotel building is going to fix the front entryway. The library is going to get a ramp at the backdoor through an eagle scout project.
- The next EW250 meeting will be on Tuesday June 5, 2018.

**Scott Morgan made a motion to adjourn. Tom Talamini seconded the motion.  
The meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Lajoie