



East Windsor 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee  
June 5, 2018  
East Windsor Historical Society

The June 5, 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, Barbara Burnham, \*Ceil Donahue, \*Diane Lajoie, \*Scott Morgan, Laverne Shary Pawlak, Patricia Shary, Wayne Shary, Debbie Talamini, \*Rebecca Talamini, \*Tom Talamini, \*Bill Thim \*Lynne Tracy-Thim  
\*indicates steering committee members

**Minutes Reading:**

The minutes for the May 15, 2018 meeting were not available for review; they will be reviewed at the June 19, 2018 meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

none

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Time Capsule Committee:** About 170 people attended the time capsule opening at Town Hall on May 19, 2018. The live stream on facebook has been viewed about 1400 times. We will look for a sealant to keep people's notes and signatures in tact when buried. We also received a suggestion to create and bury a booklet of the items in the time capsule so people know why we choose the items for burial. We are going to get a current and older aerial shot of the town for the time capsule. We are also collecting restaurant menus from town. We have also received an old iphone.

Rebecca is taking digital copies of the items we unearthed before we donate the items to the East Windsor Historical Society for display.

**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. Some organizations are having trouble with W9 forms; we will pay them directly, and submit reimbursement forms.

**Time Capsule Burial:** We are going to ask Father Stu Pinette from St. Marianne Cope to do the benediction. The stone is still in the town hall; we will have the back side engraved for this burial. We will ask for citations from the state and federal government to honor the event.

**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.

**Free Swim:** Park and Rec wants to rent the pavilion the day of our event. However we will need parking, access to the restrooms, and will have games there if it rains. Renting the space that day will not work.

Reenactment/Food Truck Fest: Gypsy Joe's pulled out and the taco truck has been replaced by the Angry Skillet.

We need the area around the pond mowed for the re-enactors; they also need a hay bale for their tents. The re-enactors need cut split dried hardwood and water from a hose; the water is available from the side of the barn. The Israel Bissell's ride will be at 11 am. The horse rider needs a scroll of parchment to read the official proclamation of the British coming. Ceil is bringing coffee and doughnuts for the set up and bottled water for the volunteers. The police are making Abbe Road one way for the event, and we are adding extra handicapped parking around the scout hall building for the day. The senior bus is going to need parking. We will need cones and reflective vests. We need five trash cans for the parking lot and big black trash bags.

US Hauling's trash container will be at Scout Hall from Friday to Sunday for the event. We will confirm the ATM and Pippin's delivery.

The fire truck slide needs two volunteers, for the top and bottom of the slide, at all times. The lawn signs for the reenactment are posted around town. We can boost the event on facebook. 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. Rebecca has spoken with them today.

#### **Fundraising Committee:**

No new donations.

Swede's Jewelers has designed a 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary charm; they will be sold for \$35 with \$5 going to the 250<sup>th</sup> committee. The charm will work on a bracelet or a necklace.

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

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

The coins have arrived; we ordered 250 coins at \$4 each. We will sell them for \$10 each. The coins, charms, and water bottles will be available for sale at the next event.

#### **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. People are showing interest in the horseshoe tournament on facebook. Registration will begin onsite at 4pm.

Bill has received confirmation from Trick Dynamics; they will be doing a presentation on the fairgrounds. They need a 30 by 30 space with power.

Vendors: The forms for vendor tables have been created. So far we have 12 vendors interested; we should have room for 20. We will approach local businesses for prizes for the day's events.

We have five food trucks scheduled for Heritage Day.

Carol Hall is confirmed.

Rebecca will contact Steve Dearborn to get the names of the sponsors for the fireworks.

We will order 4 4000 watt lights for the fairgrounds. Using a friend's employee discount at United Rental, the lights will cost \$45 for each tower plus tax, fee, and insurance. Round trip delivery of the four lights will be an additional \$300.

Shuttle Bus: We will have to call the Smith Bus company directly to arrange the shuttle bus service. 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. We need to make sure they do not lock the gate at the Res for the night of the 22<sup>nd</sup>. The shuttle stops will be the res, the broad brook school, and St. Catherine's church.

Parade: Bill Thim is talking with the Military Department of CT; they might bring a color guard and a truck with a helicopter in tow. The parade floats will park at the middle school. There will be a drone flying over the parade; the parade will be livestreamed as it passes under the drone.

Lavern Sherry still has her 1968 sash. She will be in the 1968 Ford Mustang Convertible with Grand Marshal Rebecca Talamini.

**Advertising/Social Media Committee:**

Coverage of the time capsule was in the newspapers.

The ½ sheet advertisement for the reenactment has been in the JI and will be in the paper weekly.

Rebecca is waiting to hear back from GoLocal about an accurate article about the 250.

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

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

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- The next EW250 meeting will be on Tuesday June 19, 2018.

**Tom Talamini made a motion to adjourn. Scott Morgan seconded the motion.**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Lajoie