



East Windsor 250th Anniversary Committee
July 3, 2018
East Windsor Historical Society

The July 3, 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 6:58 pm.

Attendance:

Present: *Diane Lajoie, Debbie Talamini, *Rebecca Talamini, *Tom Talamini, *Bill Thim
*Lynne Tracy-Thim

Absent: *Paul Anderson, *Ceil Donahue, *Scott Morgan
*indicates steering committee members

Minutes Reading:

The minutes for the June 19, 2018 meeting were reviewed.

Tom Talamini made a motion to accept the June 19, 2018 minutes as written. Bill Thim seconded the motion. The motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

none

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Time Capsule Committee: We are moving the time capsule out of town hall on Thursday July 5th. The stone is ready to be engraved. The new cover for the time capsule is finished; Tom will check with Kirk to see if the gasket is all set.

We are asking people to bring time capsule submissions to each of our events.

Events Committee:

Shoe Drive: We collected 897 pairs of shoes and 23 singles for Soles for Souls; Rebecca has them boxed and ready for shipment.

Touch-a-Truck: We will have a table at the Touch-a-Truck event on Saturday July 14, 2018.

Free Swim: Sundae Fun Day at the Res is from 12 to 3pm on Sunday July 15, 2018.

Facebook shows over 2000 people interested in going. We will have a 250 booth and yard games in addition to the water games.

We can't get the fire truck slide, so we are renting a dry slide for the event. The cost for the dry slide is \$394.99 including setup. They just need a grassy area within 100 feet of a power source.

Lynne Tracy-Thim made a motion to rent an extreme dry slide for \$394.99 for our Sundae Fun Day. Tom Talamini seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The pavilion has been rented for an event on the 15th; they are aware of our town event.

Trolley Museum: East Windsor Day at the Trolley Museum is August 4, 2018. Debbie Talamini and Lynne Tracy-Thim met with Gina Alimbert from the Trolley Museum and Jack Hilditch from Skylark Airport on July 2, 2018. They are hoping to have an ice cream truck and antique planes in the pumpkin patch, possibly a helicopter. The EAA Chapter

1310 is meeting on Wednesday July 11, 2018; they will know which planes will be involved after the meeting.

The Trolley Museum will have half-price tickets on August 4, 2018 for East Windsor residents and student discounts. The prices will be \$5 (adults), \$4.50 (seniors) and \$3.50 (kids to age 12).

Fundraising Committee:

Steve Dearborn has received \$8,850 for the fireworks so far; the donors do not want to be advertised. We will say the fireworks are “supported by local businesses.”

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 town hall sold \$235 in merchandise in June.

We are out of the extra-large t-shirts; we still have small, medium, large and children’s sizes. We are running low on the baseball caps. We are going to start selling the calendars at half price.

Swede’s Jewelers ordered 25 of their EW250 charms; half have been sold. They will order another batch of charms if they sell out.

Heritage Day Committee:

Shuttle Bus: The Smith Bus company route is going to go down Highland Ave, drive through the park, down Reservoir Ave, to the Broad Brook Elementary School, to the Middle School.

Parade: Our Israel Bissell rider, Dave Loda, is looking forward to participating in our Heritage Day Parade and mingling with people at the picnic.

Parade Categories: Possible parade categories include the following:

best town spirit, most enthusiasm, craftsmanship, entertainment value, business award, school award, sound/movement award, patriotism/history award.

We need to contact the fire museum to see if they will participate in the parade.

Skylark will get back to us about a flyover; need to talk to Bill Kulle.

We will need 10 to 12 buckets of candy/gum for our parade float.

We need to find judges for the parade; a rep from each village would be best.

We need a state form for the parade to go down Main Street.

Activities: We will have activities to keep the kids occupied throughout the day. We will rent an obstacle course. It will not be near a power source, so there will be an added cost.

We will look into adding face painting or henna tattoos. We might make a corn box, a sand box full of corn; we will need beach toys for the corn box.

Lynne Tracy-Thim made a motion to spend up to \$500 for lawn games and activities for Sundaes Fun Day and Heritage Day. Bill Thim seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Picnic: We need to find out where to get tables for people to sit and eat.

Advertising/Social Media Committee:

Ceil submitted photos of the reenactment for the out and about section.

GoLocal is going to do an article in their August edition about Heritage Day.

We will have a ½ sheet advertisement for the ice cream/free swim in the JI.

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

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Four Town Fair: We will not have a table or float at the Four Town Fair this year, but we will get a banner or lawn sign advertising Heritage Day.
- The next EW250 meeting will be on Tuesday July 17, 2018.

**Tom Talamini made a motion to adjourn. Bill Thim seconded the motion.
The meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Lajoie