

CHAPLIN AD-HOC BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Chaplin, Connecticut

Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2022

Chairperson Leslie Ricklin called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM. Present were members Warren Church, Dick Weingart (4:12), Anne Sicilian, Bob Grindle, Julie Lindquist and Bill Rose. Unable to attend was member Ann Lewis.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2022, SPECIAL MEETING OF APRIL 7, 2022:

- *Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from March 8, 2022, was made by Bob Grindle, seconded by Warren Church and carried unanimously.*
- *Motion to approve the special meeting minutes from April 7, 2022, was made by Anne Sicilian with the following corrections:*

Item #3 – correct the spelling for Johanne Philbrick. Item #3 should read – “original idea when discussing ads was to include individual sponsorships and non-profit organizations”.

The motion was seconded by Warren Church and carried unanimously.

4. AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS: None

5. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

6. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Warren Church – the play:

The church is getting painted (the historical part with grants and volunteers for the rest). Rusty Lanzit has a new version of the play out and is open to changes. A tentative meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 18th at the church with Pastor Roger Bolduc, Rusty Lanzit and Ellen Gillon (heading the choral group). The 2-hour event will start at 2pm and include: the play, Poet Laureate Adelaide Northrup (poem reading), Babcock Band (possibly outside weather permitting) performing “America the Beautiful” with the choral group, and refreshments from those days such as lemonade and cookies. The choral group is looking for more volunteers (has reached out to the Senior Center and will post on the FB page). Talked to Dave Stone about possibly shutting down the street for more space. The church capacity is about 100 with video able to go into the community room.

b. Bob Grindle – signage/posters:

The law signs should go out in May with a 10-day turnaround to order.

c. All members – report on ad solicitation:

Warren Church reported that the bridge needs to be repaired to make the walk possible for Rattlesnake Hill. Eastford Lumber is willing to provide the materials (will offer an ad for in-kind services and give the information to Ann Lewis). Warren Church suggested for the Bicentennial 5K Race a separate category to award the 1st Chaplin male and 1st Chaplin female with homegrown maple syrup (will talk to Bob Dubos and offer an in-kind ad).

- Dick Weingart presented the Treasurer’s Report. As of yesterday, \$2,650 received for Sponsorships \$1,852 received for Calendars (spent \$697), and \$730 received for Merchandise Sales (spent \$1,370). Total Expenses - \$2,067, Total Income - \$5,232.

d. Bill Rose - Museum and the Parade:

Walked the parade route and would need 30 minutes for stop and go (need to wrap up by 12:30pm to reduce congestion). The solicitation letter is going out and will solicit for ads at the same time (some vendors may want to be in the parade). Leslie Ricklin asked about float participants (will get a better idea of the number of floats after the solicitation letter goes out) and reported that the BOS suggests

not charging the food trucks a fee to be at Garrison Park (the Committee agrees). Julie Lindquist asked about the food trucks not selling water and popcorn (will be sold by the Rec Commission).

e. Leslie Ricklin – report about T-shirts:

T-shirts are selling well (need more mediums). Discussed ordering quantity of 10 each for 1X and 2X T-shirts and selling for \$15 each. There has also been interest in kid's sizes (Julie suggested having people signup and prepay for kid sizes).

f. Ann Lewis – update on Facebook page:

Leslie Ricklin reported that the link to filming for the last talk is posted on the FB page. Anne Sicilian is willing to mail T-shirts out to people from out-of-town.

g. Dick Weingart/Warren Church – communications with the Recreation Commission; tentative schedule of events on Sept. 10:

A tentative schedule of events for September 10th was drafted with potential costs for the following: 2 Bands (\$1,500 and \$2,000), Fireworks Display (\$20,000), Portable Washrooms & Porta-Potties, Professional Flaggers to control traffic (\$2,300) and Police Protection (\$3,500). Anne Sicilian asked about the games being run by Linda Caron (old fashioned games - three-legged race and sack race with little badges for the winners, thinking of doing a small talent show). In addition, she wants to do a Nature Scavenger Hunt and give out little prizes (magnifying glass) and suggested having something for the preschoolers by the playscape (empty boxes, bales of hay, a bubble machine) (will talk to Dave Stone). The Babcock Band is not expecting to get paid as any check to them would go to the Ashford Library. Suggestions to thank them for their participation include: cookies and lemonade, T-shirts, gift certificate to cater one of their events, scholarship for one of their members, homegrown maple syrup.

Dick Weingart suggested thanking the Parish Hill Drone Club with a donation to further their activities.

Bob Grindle asked about the possibility of having a table at the Mother's Day Plant Sale at the Senior Center (8am to noon) to showcase 3 clothing items for pre-order presented previously by Diana Alvarez (will talk to Diana). The Committee will have a table and sell T-shirts (Leslie will place an order).

Motion to authorize Leslie Ricklin to order T-shirts not to exceed \$1,000, was made by Bill Rose, seconded by Dick Weingart and carried unanimously.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Invitation to Chaplin residents to donate to the Bicentennial Program and Playbill:

The Committee was presented with newest version of donation document (will post on FB page).

Motion to approve Invitation to Chaplin residents to donate to the Bicentennial Program and Playbill, was made by Bill Rose, seconded by Bob Grindle and carried unanimously.

b. Decision regarding ordering more T-shirts, esp. 1X, 2X: Discussed under Item #6e.

c. Discussion about creating a Time Capsule:

Discussion was held about creating a Time Capsule including the following: involve the schools to generate excitement with the kids, find someone to take charge of the project (could be outside the Committee), talk to the staff at CES who recently dug up a buried time capsule, what to use for the container (\$60 for 10" metal box, 10" plastic pipe with end caps from the highway department), talk to the Boy Scouts for any interest as an Eagle Scout project, talk to Parish Hill for any interest (great response with the drone and filming the talks), solicit ideas from Town agencies on what to include in the time capsule with the Committee overseeing the contents (Bill will talk to the Superintendent, CES Principal and Linda Caron).

d. Inviting former Selectmen to honor them (Warren suggested honoring them with a photo in the program):

Warren Church suggested honoring Bill Philbrick with a photo on the back of the program. Bob Grindle suggested including research on prior Selectmen back to 1822 being done by Rick Nichols and dedicate a page in the program – Bob will talk to Rick Nichols). Julie Lindquist suggested inviting the mayors from the three towns that formed Chaplin (Mansfield, Windham, Hampton) to the play. They will be invited to participate and play their role (Julie will contact Mansfield, Bill will contact Windham and Hampton).

- Julie Lindquist asked about who has contributed ads so far (Dick will email the list) and what businesses need to be approached (Warren will email updated list). Bob will contact Blondie's, Mackey's, Bagel One and Hampton Hill Garage. Bill will contact vendors he dealt with as First Selectman.

8. SUGGESTIONS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

- Items from the current agenda
- Progress on Selectmen List
- Publicity

9. ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn (5:27 PM) was made by Anne Sicilian, seconded by Bob Grindle.

***Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Scott
Recording Clerk***