

## CHAPLIN AD-HOC BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Chaplin, Connecticut

### Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2022

Chairperson Leslie Ricklin called the meeting to order at 4:08 PM. Present were members Warren Church, Dick Weingart, Julie Lindquist, Anne Sicilian and Bob Grindle. Unable to attend were members Bill Rose and Ann Lewis.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2022:

*Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from April 12, 2022, was made by Bob Grindle, seconded by Julie Lindquist and carried unanimously.*

#### 4. AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS: None

#### 5. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

*Motion to add to agenda Under New Business as Item #7f - Photographer for Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> event, was made by Dick Weingart, seconded by Bob Grindle and carried unanimously.*

#### 6. OLD BUSINESS:

##### a. Dick Weingart – financial report:

The Committee was presented with Transaction Detail by Account: Calendars (\$1,000 excess income over expenses), Sales – misc. items - T-shirts (catching up – need to sell \$965 more to break even), Sponsorships (taken in \$2,850). Julie Lindquist asked how much money was voted on to add to the Bicentennial at last night's Town meeting (\$15,000 will be added on July 1<sup>st</sup> for a total of about \$40,000). The auditor recommends spending all funds given by individuals first when collecting funds for a specific purpose.

##### b. Warren Church – re: July 2, inviting leaders from Hampton, Windham, Mansfield:

- Met with Roger Bolduc at the church (being painted) to discuss the schedule for July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Director Rusty Lanzit has been recruiting members and making changes to the play (needs to be finalized for the playbill). Ellen Gillian's choral group will be doing a sing-a-long after the play with patriotic songs (Babcock Band will perform America the Beautiful). The event starts at 2pm with a poem by Adelaide Northrup, followed by the play, the choral group, the Babcock Band (will perform outside the church weather permitting) and refreshments. There were concerns about the capacity at the church which is about 100 (shouldn't be an issue with 12 people in the band and 5 people in the choral group - the balcony is off limits due to safety concerns with only one exit). Refreshments will be cookies in baggies and lemonade (Leslie will recruit a dozen people to make 2 dozen cookies each). Rusty Lanzit will be invited to the June meeting and asked to bring a copy of the play (Warren will follow up).
- Bob Grindle reported that Hampton First Selectman Alan Cahill is eager to be in the play. Julie Lindquist reported that Mansfield Mayor Tony Moran is delighted to be part of the Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> event (Julie will follow up to see about the July 2<sup>nd</sup> play). Leslie Ricklin asked to confirm who is coming from the three towns for the June meeting.

##### c. Bob Grindle – signage/posters:

Lawn signs are in the works and will be ready soon (Bob will drop off as soon as they are available). Julie Lindquist suggested putting out signs after Memorial Day at the intersection of Route 198 and Route 6, at the end of Chaplin Street, near the bridge on Mount Hope Road and anywhere else that borders Chaplin.

**d. Reports on ad solicitation:**

Leslie Ricklin presented report on list of checks received to date for Business Sponsors with some missing PDF file for their ad (whoever solicited business needs to go back for follow up about PDF file - Warren will check with Potter's). Julie Lindquist spoke about the difficulty Johanne would have creating a PDF for colored business cards from Manny's and Rose Brothers (the business needs to provide the PDF file that can be created as a word document and saved as a PDF file) and reported that ad for Windham Hospital is in the works (required a requisition). Warren Church reported on 2 in-kind sponsors: Eastford Lumber (will do an 1/2-page ad for providing \$263 in materials for bridge repair) and Bats of Bedlam (will do an 1/8-page ad for providing 2 quarts of homemade syrup from Bob Dubos for the 1<sup>st</sup> Chaplin male and 1<sup>st</sup> Chaplin female of the 5K race). June 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for the ad copy and check.

**e. Bill Rose - Parade:**

Leslie Ricklin reported that Bill Rose has 3 trailers to loan for the Senior Center, School and Library and has sent out requisition letter to be in the parade (Leslie will check to see if the trailers include someone to drive and pull them).

**f. Leslie Ricklin – T-shirts:**

Sold \$325 worth of t-shirts on Saturday (turned in a total of \$505 including sales from the library). T-shirts are selling well (sold out of size 2X and will order more).

**g. Ann Lewis – update on Facebook page:**

Anne Sicilian reported on large interest for the post about the history of the library and how it started before the William Ross Library was there (looked at by over 400 people, will add more posts on historical events). Next items to be posted will be the Hubbard property walk and the 5K race (will do publicity on special awards for the 1<sup>st</sup> Chaplin female and 1<sup>st</sup> Chaplin male).

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Publicity for the Bicentennial/events:**

Discussion was held regarding the need to emphasize publicity besides what is currently being done through Facebook and the signs. Dick Weingart suggested contacting the Governor's office to designate Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> as Chaplin Day in CT that could be presented by Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz if she attends (Dick will follow up). Leslie Ricklin suggested more newspaper coverage (had good coverage with Bill Powers and Tracy Hastings) such as an article on the play and an interview with Rusty and Warren. Warren Church suggested sending out postcards directed towards Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> to generate publicity and include a link to a map to help people find their district for the town photo (Leslie and Warren will work on). Anne Sicilian will check on adding a link for the map to the website for the Town, the Library and Google Groups). Julie Lindquist suggested using a big map with a PA system (Leslie has a large laminated map that shows the districts). Warren Church suggested publicity with the schools with a lot of events for kids (Linda Caron will be doing old-fashioned games – Leslie will check with Linda).

**b. Drone photo of Town on Sept. 10 (Brian Synnott, photographer):**

Parish Hill teacher Brian Synnott is eager to do the drone photo (Warren and Dave Stone will meet with Brian to discuss the layout).

**c. Limit in size of participants at walks:**

Discussion was held regarding limiting the number of participants for the walks including: suggested to limit the number of participants to 20 based on the popularity of the talks, have 2

leaders (one for each group at different times), contact the leaders of each walk for their input, have people pre-register, concerns about how to enforce a limit (Walktober doesn't have limits), difficulties on a trail walk (people can't hear and lag behind), difficult to limit with the events already posted on the calendar (hoping for a good turnout), consider another person going along to help. The Committee will not limit the size of participants at walks.

**d. Time Capsule:**

Dave Stone has offered to make the time capsule out of PVC that will be buried on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> (would last about 100 years). Discussion was held on what to include in the time capsule including: ask for suggestions from the Senior Center and school children, ask for one item from each organization (send out an email once the size is determined), ask for suggestions on Google Groups, items that could be included (a photo, newspaper article, a toy, a mask, a picture of the church being painted). Leslie Ricklin will talk to Dave about dimensions. Bob Grindle will talk to Lisa at the Senior Center.

**e. Inviting former Selectmen to Sept. 10 events:**

Former living Selectmen from Chaplin (Rusty Lanzit, Bob Dubos, Gene Boomer, Charlotte Shed, Bill Rose and Matt Cunningham) will be invited and introduced at the Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> Celebration (Leslie will work with the First Selectmen to draft and sign an invitation).

**f. Photographer for the Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> Celebration:**

Peter Polomsky who is an expert photographer is willing to document the Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> event - will take over 500 photos and pick out 100 for a cost of \$500 (will also document the July 2<sup>nd</sup> events at the church).

***Motion to approve photographer Peter Polomsky to document the Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> and July 2<sup>nd</sup> Bicentennial events at a cost of \$500, was made by Warren Church, seconded by Bob Grindle and carried unanimously.***

Dick Weingart left the meeting at 5:25 PM.

**8. SUGGESTIONS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:**

- Items from the current agenda
- Chaplin Railroad Station
- Working Group for Logistics

The next meeting is June 14, 2022.

**9. ADJOURN:**

***Motion to adjourn (5:30 PM) was made by Julie Lindquist, seconded by Anne Sicilian.***

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