

CHAPLIN AD-HOC BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Chaplin, Connecticut

Special Meeting Minutes

July 26, 2022

Chairperson Leslie Ricklin called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM. Present were members Warren Church, Dick Weingart, Bob Grindle and Ann Lewis. Others present were First Selectman Juan Roman and Board of Finance member Linda Caron. Unable to attend were members Julie Lindquist, Bill Rose and Anne Sicilian.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 12 AND SPECIAL MEETING JULY 19:

Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from July 12, 2022 and the special meeting minutes from July 19, 2022, was made by Bob Grindle, seconded by Ann Lewis and carried unanimously.

4. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

a. Updated Schedule:

The Updated Schedule was reviewed. The time was changed for the Ukulele Band and Babcock Band. Recognitions – will honor the Parish Hill Artists at a later date. Representatives from the three towns – Bob Grindle will represent Hampton (Alan Cahill cannot attend). Dick Weingart reported that Tony Moran (Mansfield) is waiting for a formal invitation. The Wood Chopping Demo is not ongoing and was added to the schedule at 4:00pm with Darcy Rose and UCONN alumni.

- Juan Roman reached out to scheduler for Lt. Governor Bysiewicz and is waiting for a response (will go to Hartford in person if necessary - needs to be finalized for the program by August 14th).
- Dick Weingart suggested approaching Lt. Governor Bysiewicz at a rally on July 30th at ECSU (guest speaker). Ann Lewis asked about a backup person if Lt. Governor Bysiewicz can't attend (Leslie suggested the proclamation could be read by the Poet Laureate).
- Juan Roman asked about the proclamation (Dick is working on reducing to under 1,000 words).

b. Program:

The program will be patterned after the previous celebration. Need to verify list of names for donations and sponsors with Anne Sicilian to make sure everyone has been included (Warren will get the list and follow up with the printer).

- Warren Church expressed concerns with the Bands being very loud at the recent concert sponsored by the Rec Commission – need to have control of the volume (Juan will follow up with Dave).
- Bob Grindle expressed concerns about keeping up with long lines and running out of food with the small number of food trucks (philly steaks, kabobs, ice-cream, shaved ice) and suggested opening the concession stand (the Senior Center has plenty of people that could do hotdogs – Leslie will follow up with Dave). Warren Church suggested allowing everyone to sell water.

c. Vendors:

There is room for 10-12 more vendors. Ideas included: food items that are locally grown and produced (pickles, relish, honey, maple syrup) and wood carvers (Leslie recommended waiving the fee for local vendors and will follow up with Dave).

- Linda Caron suggested posting on Facebook that the Bicentennial Committee is looking for vendors (Leslie will follow up with Dave).
- Bob Grindle reported that Diana Alvarez is planning to have a booth with embroidered items (previous order is now in production). All vendors need to fill out a Rec Commission form (Bob will get the form and follow up with Diana).
- Juan Roman reported that a quote was obtained from Savino transportation to transport people from parking lots to the park (12-person mini-buses that are handicap accessible).

d. Funding for floats:

- Warren Church reported that the Babcock Band cannot be compensated directly and prefers the purchase of rights for sheet music (\$350 to perform on July 2nd and Sept. 10th). Anything ordered for the town requires an invoice that needs to go through the Town Hall.
Motion for the Bicentennial Committee to spend an amount not to exceed \$350 to purchase rights for sheet music as compensation for the Babcock Band, was made by Bob Grindle, seconded by Ann Lewis and carried unanimously.
- Linda Caron asked if there are any funds available for the Talent Show (would like to have certificates for participation and prizes for winners from each age group).
- The Friends of the Library has inquired about funds for a float (an amount has not been determined yet). Juan Roman suggested advertising that funds are available for floats (Dick suggested funds for established organizations that are part of the town of Chaplin).
 - ***Motion for the Bicentennial Committee to fund up to \$100 to support floats for the Library, Senior Center and Elementary School, was made by Dick Weingart, seconded by Ann Lewis and carried unanimously.***
 - ***Motion for the Bicentennial Committee to fund up to \$50 to support awards for Chaplin's Got Talent, was made by Warren Church, seconded by Ann Lewis and carried unanimously.***

e. DTC/RTC booths:

An inquiry was received from Rusty Lanzit about a Democratic Town Committee table at the Sept. 10th event (has not indicated they want to be there). Juan Roman would like to see the event as a celebration of the town (not political). Warren Church commented that having more booths would generate more interest. Dick Weingart commented that both parties want to get more people involved and encourages participation – the Town of Chaplin wouldn't exist without the political process to make it happen (Dick will follow up with the DTC, Juan will follow up with the RTC).

f. Publicity:

- A postcard will be mailed out to town residents with "Be a part of Chaplin's Bicentennial on Sept. 10 at Garrison Park" on the front. Juan Roman suggested using the established logo with the flag (\$1.00 for color, 20 cents for black and white). Ann Lewis expressed the need for more information and suggested a list of the major activities. Bob Grindle suggested working fireworks into the background instead of the flag. Dick Weingart suggested the Chair and Vice-Chair work out the details for the postcard (Leslie and Warren will work with the printer).
- Ann Lewis suggested an announcement on the Facebook Page to save the date for the Bicentennial Celebration with a parade, fireworks, Chaplin's Got Talent, food trucks, music and yoga.
- Leslie Ricklin asked about the Arboretum brochures that were supposed to be included in the tax bills and suggested having them at the Bicentennial booth to hand out (brochures are being mailed out).

5. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

The next meeting will be held on August 2nd at 4pm.

6. ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn (5:30 PM) was made by Bob Grindle, seconded by Dick Weingart.

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