

CHAPLIN AD-HOC BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Chaplin, Connecticut

Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2022

Chairperson Leslie Ricklin called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. Present were members Warren Church, Julie Lindquist, Dick Weingart, Anne Sicilian, Bill Rose and Ann Lewis. Others present was First Selectman Juan Roman. Unable to attend was member Bob Grindle.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 2:

Motion to approve the special meeting minutes from August 2, 2022, was made by Bill Rose, seconded by Ann Lewis and carried unanimously.

4. AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS: None

5. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

6. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Financial Report Update:

Dick Weingart presented the revised Bicentennial Day Expense List with changes including: \$750 for Marching Bands, \$400 for Babcock Band Sheet Music, \$1,500 for Sound Manager, \$200 for Drone Club donation (Dick asked if there are any expenses – Warren will follow up) for a total of \$38,615 plus about \$7,500 from donations, sponsorships and fundraisers. The Committee needs to authorize an additional \$50 for the Babcock Band and an additional \$250 for the Fife & Drum Corp.

- *Motion for the Bicentennial Committee to authorize an additional \$250 for a total of \$750 to hire the Marlborough Fife & Drum Corp for the parade, was made by Bill Rose, seconded by Anne Sicilian and carried unanimously.*
- *Motion for the Bicentennial Committee to authorize an additional \$50 for a total of \$400 for the Babcock Band Sheet Music, was made by Warren Church, seconded by Bill Rose and carried unanimously.*
- *Motion to adopt the Bicentennial Day Expense Schedule as of 8/9/2022 for a total of \$38,615, was made by Dick Weingart, seconded by Ann Lewis and carried unanimously.*

Dick Weingart asked about pictures available for the Drone Photo and suggested printing samples. Bill Rose suggested digital copies (Warren suggested using for future time capsule, Ann suggested checking with the photographer). Anne Sicilian suggested people could get their own pictures made from digital copies (Warren will follow up with the photographer). Will discuss how to disseminate copies of the Drone Photo at the next meeting.

b. Parade Update:

The parade is coming together with more responses including: the Model T Club and residents (will continue recruiting). The Fife & Drum Corp will be a good addition to the parade. Update on school bands – E. O Smith doesn't have a marching band; the outgoing Parish Hill Band Director is recruiting outgoing seniors and the new Band Director is interested (waiting to hear about other bands – the timing is tough). The Great American Marching Band from Holyoke Mass (video is available) is interested in marching in the parade. They are professional musicians (includes veterans) who have been playing for 15-20 years, have played in many town celebrations/parades/festivals, caters their music to the event and would enhance the parade (cost for 12-person band - \$2,000, cost for 16-person band - \$2,350). Julie Lindquist asked if they are available for the rain date of Sept. 11th (they are available for Sept. 10th – Juan will confirm Sept. 11th) and if this band is needed with the Fife &

Drum (2 different types of bands that would be spaced out). Dick Weingart asked about other bands that would cost \$1,000 (they are all booked).

Motion for the Bicentennial Committee to hire the 16-person Great American Marching Band from Holyoke MA for an amount not to exceed \$2,350 contingent upon availability for Sept. 11th rain date, was made by Bill Rose, seconded by Anne Sicilian and carried unanimously.

- Juan Roman would like to purchase 16 flags for the poles along Chaplin Street (would be installed by DPW).

Motion for the Bicentennial Committee to authorize an amount not to exceed \$400 for the purchase of flags with poles and hardware for mounting along Chaplin Street, was made by Dick Weingart, seconded by Bill Rose and carried unanimously.

c. Program

i. report of meeting with Gulemo Printers re: program and postcard:

Program - The final mockup of the program includes all sponsors and recognition to the people working the event (Warren suggested adding recognition of Johanne for designing the cover – will add at the end with other recognitions). Suggested edits include: adding the other 2 Selectmen under the Town Hall (Joe Pinto and Ken Fortier), correct spelling for Senior Center Director Lisa Kegler, list where the parade starts (Palmer Road and Ridge Road intersection), correct the name for the Town-wide Yoga Class, correct name for Chaplin Ukulele Band and Babcock Cornet Band, and some other grammatical edits. Dick Weingart suggested a small group go through every page of the program to check for errors and consistency (Dick will work with Juan to proofread - Dick will email changes to the printer).

Postcard – Ann Lewis expressed concerns with gap of time missing from the postcard (listed the highlights - full schedule would not fit) and suggested redoing the postcard with time from 11:30 – 2pm and list of activities or a paragraph describing the activities (check Facebook or the website for details). Update on food trucks – resolicited food trucks that can arrive after 4pm (will park them near the fire lane or in the lower parking lot - permission was granted to use Hubbard Field to turn around). Juan Roman will work on the QR Code for link to the map. Ann Lewis asked how people will know where to go (copies of the map will be available in the Bicentennial Booth, numbered posts will be in each district and announcements will be made over the PA). The postcards should be mailed out by August 25th – Ann will send changes to the printer).

ii. invitation to the Lt. Governor update:

Susan Johnson will be calling the Lt. Governor personally. Juan Roman called the Chief of Staff again who will get the invitation to scheduling (waiting for a response).

iii. invitation to the 3 leaders from Mansfield, Hampton, Windham:

Invitations – went out to the 3 leaders and hope to hear from them soon (Juan will follow up and ask to limit remarks to a few words).

iv. timeline for printing: Discussed already

d. Publicity: link on the postcard of the map, Facebook and Google Groups link to the map and the program schedule: Discussed already

Anne Sicilian asked about Instagram that was suggested at the last meeting (too late to open an account) and asked to use the printer at the Town Hall for the Scavenger Hunt (town event).

e. Items for next agenda:

- Current agenda items
- Dissemination of the Drone Photo

The next meeting will be held on August 16th.

7. ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn (5:20 PM) was made by Warren Church, seconded by Anne Sicilian.

*Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Scott
Recording Clerk*