

CHAPLIN AD-HOC BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Chaplin, Connecticut

Special Meeting Minutes

August 23, 2022

Vice-Chair Warren Church called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM. Present were members Dick Weingart, Ann Lewis, Julie Lindquist, Bill Rose and Bob Grindle. Others present was First Selectman Juan Roman. Unable to attend were members Leslie Ricklin and Anne Sicilian.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 16, 2022:

Motion to approve the special meeting minutes from August 16, 2022, was made by Bob Grindle, seconded by Dick Weingart and carried unanimously.

4. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

a. Financial Update:

- The costs for the Postcard and Program came in substantially lower than what was budgeted.
- Dick Weingart suggested running reimbursement requests (fielded through Val) through him, the Chair or Vice-Chair (no reimbursement for sales tax).
- Juan Roman reported that the flags went over by \$23.

b. Updated Schedule:

- Warren Church asked about change of time for the Ukulele Band (some changes made to fit in the martial arts).
- The Senior Center Newsletter went out with the latest Schedule.
- Ann Lewis asked about bands being available for the September 11th rain date. Bands are harder to schedule for two days – waiting for confirmation from the 357 Band and Branded (have a backup plan if necessary). Same difficulty with the Lt. Governor who would not commit to 2 days.
- Dick Weingart expressed concerns about the status of the Proclamation (asked to pick up on September 2nd - Juan will follow up).
- The three town representatives have confirmed their attendance (Alan Cahill from Hampton, Tom DeVivo from Windham, Tony Moran from Mansfield).
- The Poet Laureate was added to the Schedule with a 3-minute recital of her poem (speakers asked to limit to a few words due to time constraints).
- Dick Weingart pointed out that the band information is incorrect in the Senior Center Newsletter (too late to change). Bob Grindle commented about the band “Branded” being loud at a previous concert in the park (volume will be controlled by the Sound Manager).

c. Program:

Thanks to Ann Lewis for her work on the Postcard, Dick Weingart for his work on the Program and Warren Church for his work on adding details to the Drone instructions.

d. Vendors/Booths:

Discussed availability of food trucks and vendors for the September 11th rain date (some have other obligations, may be a better day for others who are competing with the Food Truck Festival - Shannon from the Rec Commission will follow up). Can ramp up the Concession Stand to provide food if necessary. Vendors/Floats includes: (Ireland Farm and Hops Farm – will park in vendor spot with bales of hay and may do a hops demonstration) and Darcy Rose (pulling a wagon – may park near Wood Chopping display with bales of hay and firewood). The Bicentennial/Information Booth will be setup with displays of the blown-up schedule and map on easels (provided by the Senior Center). Julie Lindquist suggested someone be at the booth to hand out programs (should be 2-3 people in case there are any problems). Ann Lewis suggested doing a signup sheet (will discuss at the next meeting).

e. Parade updates/floats/parking:

Parade - The new Parish Hill Band Director is talking to parents to recruit some seniors. Considering a lead car to set the pace with possibly the following: dignitary in a mustang convertible or open Jeep decorated by Shari Smith and family. Will meet next week to determine staging with setup by category and bands spaced out so they are not competing with each other.

- Bill Rose filmed the 175th Parade and suggested running a video tape loop at the Bicentennial Booth.
- Julie Lindquist asked about Veterans for the parade (suggested her husband Carl, Peter Haines and looking for other veterans in town). Bob Grindle suggested contacting the Chaplin Veterans Camp (will follow up) and checking with the Assessor (the town offers property tax discount for Veterans – Bill will follow up along with contacting the Veterans liaison).

The Boy Scouts will march with flags. Julie Lindquist asked about the Girl Scouts for the parade (Bill will check with Scout Leader Linda Caron) and what happens if it rains both days (will start watching the weather 10 days before).

Parking – The Traffic Police is lined up for both days. Parking will be handled in-house by volunteers (will have shuttles for overflow parking at CES). There will be no parking on the parade route.

f. Publicity (Postcard, social media, etc.):

Dick Weingart presented members with souvenir copies of the Postcard. Actual copies to be mailed will have an address box and postal permit indicator (will mail out tomorrow).

- Dick Weingart asked about progress for the QR Code on the website (all setup and waiting for documents – Dick will follow up) and asked to correct the bands listed in news articles for the Bicentennial on the town website.
- The lawn sign is up on the electronic sign.
- Warren Church asked about the Wayne Norman Show on WILI (consider doing as a Public Service Announcement - Juan and Bill have contacts). Will discuss at the next meeting.

Bill Rose left the meeting at 5pm.

- Ann Lewis will post the following on the Facebook Page, Chaplin Groups and Google Groups: more details about events and the Drone Photo, repost the Schedule of Events, elaborate events run by Linda Caron, invitation to anyone interested in participating in the parade and publicize the rain date.
- Bob Grindle asked about allowing Fireworks with extreme drought conditions (will be determined by the Fire Marshal who has the final authority).

5. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

- Items from the current agenda
- Plans for Bicentennial/Information Booth
- Wayne Norman Show on WILI
- Rain Date

6. ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.

*Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Scott
Recording Clerk*