

CHAPLIN AD-HOC BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Chaplin, Connecticut

Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2022

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11, 2022:

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 11, 2022, was made by Bob Grindle, seconded by Warren Church and carried unanimously.

4. AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS: None

5. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

6. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Financial Report Update:

The Committee was emailed the Comprehensive Financial Report and breakdown of DPW overtime hours spent for the Bicentennial. As of yesterday, Total Income - \$32,484 and Expenses to date - \$35,484 plus \$3,200 (DPW Overtime pending approval) for a total of \$38,684 (difference of \$6,200 taken from available town funds from the CIP (\$24,000) leaving a remaining balance of \$17,800).

Motion to authorize expenditure of \$3,200 for Bicentennial DPW Overtime to be funded from the Bicentennial Account, made by Dick Weingart, seconded by Bob Grindle and carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding what to use the remaining funds for including: next year's Chaplin Day being planned by the Rec Commission for the fall (need to wait for the budget – next year's CIP tentatively includes \$10,000 for a Chaplin Day), future maintenance of the Arboretum (in the process of appointing an Arboretum Committee), not the charge of the Committee – up to the town to decide (Committee can make suggestions), funds in the CIP earmarked for the Bicentennial would be repurposed for something else if not used as part of the budget process, the Committee should be able to decide about funds they raised.

- Warren Church questioned the amount for sheet music for the Babcock Band (Warren will follow up with Val to verify).

Dick Weingart left the meeting at 4:25 PM.

Motion for the Chair to draft a letter to the Board of Selectmen (cc: Board of Finance) with suggestions to consider for using leftover funds (Arboretum, Chaplin Day), made by Ann Lewis, seconded by Bob Grindle and carried with one abstention by Julie Lindquist.

b. Annual Report:

The Annual Report with details of the Bicentennial Celebration was submitted to the town. Leslie Ricklin suggested sending out the letter portion to every resident to make them aware of what happened for the Bicentennial Celebration (Anne suggested leaving copies at the library, Julie suggested sending out as a Bicentennial Report).

c. Organization of photographs taken by Peter:

The people in the photos taken by Peter Polomsky need to be identified and labeled (Leslie, Warren and Anne will work on).

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Railroad Museum outreach:

Julie Lindquist suggested doing something with the Railroad Museum on the little Chaplin railroad car to let people know that it is part of Chaplin's history (Leslie suggested passing the information to the Library Director to setup as a talk). Warren Church would like to continue with talks on a number of topics for Chaplin's history including: old cemeteries and schools (will pass on to the Library Director).

b. Publicity for upcoming Bicentennial events: hike up Rattlesnake Mt., and Christmas tree lighting at the firehouse:

The hike up Rattlesnake Mt. will be held this Sunday with a picnic at the top (bring your own). It was posted on Google Groups and Facebook (will be posted again on Friday). The Christmas Tree Lighting at the firehouse will include a poem reading by Adelaide Northrup.

- The PTO Craft Fair will be held on December 3rd from 8am – noon (Leslie will be there with T-shirts).
- Ann Lewis asked about the status of the drone photos (thumb drive of photos is at the Town Hall and needs editing). There is no video of the main event (Ann suggested making a video from the many still shots taken by Peter Polomsky).

8. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

- Ann Lewis suggested finding someone with technical experience to work on putting the thumb drive of drone photos on the website (Ann will follow up with the Town Hall).
- Warren Church asked about documenting the Bicentennial Celebration (Leslie is organizing including: news articles, the Annual Report, meeting minutes, the calendar, the T-shirt, programs, the playbill - Warren will follow up with Roger Bolduc on video of the play). Anne Sicilian suggested including a copy of the proclamation. Ann Lewis suggested selecting some photos that could be ordered online and put in a booklet to be displayed in the library.
- Julie Lindquist offered to host a get together for the Committee.

9. ADJOURN: *Motion to adjourn (5:12 PM) made by Ann Lewis, seconded by Bob Grindle.*

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