

CHAPLIN AD-HOC BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Chaplin, Connecticut

Special Meeting Minutes

August 30, 2022

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 23, 2022:

Motion to approve the special meeting minutes from August 23, 2022, was made by Bob Grindle, seconded by Bill Rose and carried unanimously.

4. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

a. Financial Update:

Correction to total Town and Committee funds available is \$44,850 (includes about \$4,000 for fundraising activities). Total expenses do not include \$2,500 paid out already for the Great American Marching Band.

- CIRMA needs to be contacted about insurance rider for the fireworks and food vendors (Juan will follow up with the rep).
- Anne Sicilian asked about reimbursement of funds for the library float (reimbursement request should be submitted to Val).
- A meal needs to be provided for the flaggers and Public Works crew (received request for food vouchers at \$20 each).

Motion to pay up to \$20 per person not to exceed \$300 for individuals receiving food vouchers from the Rec Department, was made by Dick Weingart, seconded by Leslie Ricklin and carried unanimously.

b. Updated Schedule:

Leslie Ricklin asked if representatives from the three towns are coming (all three have confirmed attendance).

c. Program:

Dick Weingart followed up with Governor's office about the proclamation (hope to have confirmation tomorrow) and will be picking up the Programs from the printer. Warren Church has received request for additional programs for relatives or other townspeople that can't be there (Dick suggested not dealing with before the event). Bob Grindle suggested a box at the Bicentennial tent for returned programs – Anne will decorate a box).

- The field is outlined with the map of Chaplin and blue river flowing through it for the Drone Photo (Bryan will do a test run). The stakes for each district are ready. Bob Grindle suggested driving T-posts into the ground and zip tie posts to them (Warren and Bill will be responsible for).

d. Vendors/Booths:

Leslie Ricklin plans to be at the Bicentennial booth most of the day (members asked to sign-up for times available). Shannon from the Rec Commission will help setup a tent for the booth at 8am (the Library and Senior Center will also have a tent).

- The Rec Commission is prepared for a good turnout at the Concession Stand. Bob Grindle ordered the food (hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hotdogs, Italian sausage rolls, nachos with cheese, water, soda) that will arrive tomorrow at the Senior Center and be picked up by Dave Stone (made room in the Concession Stand).

- Diana Alvarez has asked to share the Bicentennial tent to sell Bicentennial items. The Bicentennial tent will be busy handing out programs and selling T-shirts and maps (would be better if Diana had her own tent and should contact Shannon at the Rec Commission – Bob will follow up with Diana).

e. Parade updates/floats/parking:

There are 32 confirmed participants (some have multiple entries) and more still trickling in. List of Veterans from the Assessor that receive a tax abatement is being reviewed for the parade and will contact the Chaplin Base Camp for input. Bill Rose watched the video that he filmed from the 175th celebration and saw little kids that are now adults with their own floats for this parade.

- Anne Sicilian asked where people who want to watch the parade can park (should be sufficient parking including: DPW, the lower lot, the Senior Center). Dick Weingart asked about best place for Committee members to park in case they need to leave and return (Julie offered her driveway). Shuttles will be available for all the parking lots starting at 11am.
- Anne Sicilian asked if the parade will be filmed (Warren suggested a drone shot). Dick Weingart suggested asking whoever videotaped the talks to do a video of the parade.

f. Publicity (Postcard, social media, Wayne Norman Show, etc.):

Postcards have been mailed and delivered (Dick has souvenir copies for Committee members). The changes to the town website have been made and the QR Code takes you to the Bicentennial Program of activities or Drone Photo Map with instructions.

- Bob Grindle commented on the new Welcome to Chaplin signs that are really sharp.
- Julie Lindquist suggested an American Flag or red/white/blue bunting for the entrance to Town Hall to help people find it (there will be flaggers).
- Leslie Ricklin asked members to wear their Bicentennial T-shirts and badges made by Peggy Church and Kathy Smith.
- Ann Lewis is working on the Wayne Norman Show (Juan will follow up).

g. Bicentennial Booth: Covered already

h. Rain Date:

- Warren Church has been looking at weather forecasts that changes daily (Julie suggested waiting to check until 2-3 days before).
- Dick Weingart asked when the Fire Marshal would make decision on the fireworks (Bill will check).
- Julie Lindquist asked if the Fire Department has a siren to notify residents if the event is postponed until the next day (announcements can be made on Google Groups, the Facebook pages and on TV like the schools do) and asked who will make decision to move the event to Sept. 11th if it rains (will have an emergency meeting to decide if necessary).

5. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

- Items from current agenda

Juan Roman suggested holding 2 meetings next week (can decide at the next meeting on Sept. 6th).

6. ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn (5:12 PM) was made by Bob Grindle, seconded by Dick Weingart and carried unanimously.

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