

CHAPLIN AD-HOC BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE
Chaplin, Connecticut
Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2022

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

Leslie Ricklin presented the Committee with copies of the newest edition of Neighbors that includes a 2-page article on the bike trip through Chaplin and a mockup of the time capsule that will be made out of PVC pipe (the mockup with a suggestion box will be on display in the library).

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 10, 2022:

Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from May 10, 2022, was made by Warren Church, seconded by Anne Sicilian and carried unanimously.

4. AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS:

First Selectman Juan Roman would like to acknowledge 6 Chaplin students from Parish Hill involved in the Arts with a Proclamation on September 10th (they were recognized with a Proclamation from the State Legislators). Will meet with Dave Stone to revise the time schedule. Anne Sicilian suggested a booth to display the proclamation with their art.

Dick Weingart asked for help with the Bicentennial Proclamation – looking for information on the general assembly granting Chaplin incorporation rights (can be found here in the Chaplin Library on oversized cards, at the State Library and from Shari at the Town Hall).

5. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Motion to add to agenda as Item #6d – Volunteer to take over activities from Ann Lewis on businesses, was made by Anne Sicilian, seconded by Bob Grindle and carried unanimously.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Discussion about the reenactment of the First Town Meeting on July 2. Publicity, draft of the Playbill, other:

Warren Church presented a draft of the playbill for the First Town Meeting on July 2nd. Leslie Ricklin will put a notice in the Calendar in the Chronicle. Warren Church suggested an announcement on the Growing Up in Chaplin Facebook Page (will also be on the Bicentennial Facebook Page) and suggested opening the library with a historic section of photos and other historic documents (Leslie suggested presenting to the Library Board at their meeting on Monday). The church holds about 100 people and will block off a pew to accommodate out of town visitors. The Babcock Band will perform outside unless it rains – will then play inside the church. Refreshments of cookies and lemonade (thanks to help from the Cookbook Club and Friends of the Library) will be served at intermission after the sing-a-long. Parking is limited to one side of the road (Juan will check on posting signs) and can also park on Palmer Road or at the Senior Center/Library.

b. Discussion about the Windham Concert Band playing at Garrison Park on June 25 at 6pm. Publicity needs, chairs must be transported, other:

The Committee is cohosting the Windham Concert Band with the Senior Center and Library on June 25th with hotdogs and hamburgers provided by the Rec Commission. Dave Stone will get 60 chairs

from the Senior Center and set up at Garrison Park by 5pm. Warren Church asked about an MC (Leslie will check with the President of the Band).

c. Discussion about inviting the Eastern Railroad Museum to give a library talk in the fall:

The Eastern Railroad Museum would like to get involved (they have a little building called Chaplin Station). Leslie Ricklin recommends the library invite them to give a talk on the role of the railroad in this part of the state (the schools could also do a talk). Julie Lindquist suggested they do a presentation and offer a discount for Chaplin residents to visit the Museum (Warren will be talking about the Museum at his talk). Bob Grindle suggested setting up a booth for the Railroad Museum at the September 10th event (will talk to Dave Stone). Dick Weingart suggested adding a Railroad Museum presentation to the list of Bicentennial talks.

d. Volunteer to take over activities from Ann Lewis on businesses:

Need someone to take over work on businesses from Ann Lewis who gets emails and forwards pdfs to the printer (Anne volunteered). The Town Hall will print 200 copies of the program for the play.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Dick – financial report including fundraising efforts:

The total taken in for Fundraising is \$9,542 with about \$3,300 in expenses for a profit of about \$6,244 (\$4,650 received for sponsorships).

b. Bob – Signs:

Bob Grindle presented the Bicentennial Lawn Sign. Need to determine how to distribute the signs and where to put them so they don't disappear (will be stored at the Senior Center). Juan Roman asked if there is a town sign ordinance regarding how long they can stay out (will check). Will have to set back further on state roads to keep out of the right-of-way for mowing. Julie Lindquist suggested putting out the signs after July 4th. Bob Grindle suggested putting out a few signs now. Anne Sicilian suggested putting out signs now for people to see as they head off to vacation. Julie Lindquist suggested mapping out locations for the signs (Bob and Anne volunteered – will ask Bill).

c. Bill – Parade:

Leslie Ricklin has a neighbor with a hotrod that is interested in the parade (Bill was notified). Warren Church has an individual from Hampton interested in the parade with their old BMW cars (need to talk to Bill). Bob Grindle who chaired the Memorial Day parade for Hampton reported that there was a float from the Eastern CT Beekeepers Association (will check if interested). Leslie Ricklin reported that someone from the book talk is looking at funding for a Horse & Buggy for the Library float (Bill has offered a trailer, will discuss at the Friends of the Library meeting). Lisa Kegler is planning a float for the Senior Center. Bob Grindle would like to see the Parish Hill Band in the parade (they did a moving performance at the Memorial Day Parade - Bob will check if interested).

d. Leslie – T-shirts:

There are lots of requests for larger size t-shirts (3X and 4X) that are expected to be in next week.

e. Ann and Anne – Facebook updates:

There are 109 followers (increase of 10 new), post reach of 1,691 and engagement with 598 responses.

f. Leslie/Juan Roman – inviting former selectmen/woman to Sept. 10:

The Committee was presented with letters inviting living former First Selectmen to the Sept. 10th event (Charlotte Shed, Rusty Lanzit, Bill Rose, Bob Dubos, Gene Boomer and Matt Cunningham).

- Juan Roman left the meeting at 5:18 PM.

g. Warren – Report on the May and June 4 events:

- The Hubbard Sanctuary Walk in May was attended by 12 people and ended up with good weather (big storms were predicted) with leader Deb Fields who is a very knowledgeable naturalist.
- Kathy Smith's talk on Ruth Snow Bowen quilts was excellent with a full house (she got the crowd involved).
- The Cemetery Walk was very good with Rusty Lanzit. There are 4-5 stone carvers in Eastern CT with some of their work in the Chaplin Street Cemetery (one carver is buried here). Johanne Philbrick who is very knowledgeable added to the talk and has documented every gravestone in all the cemeteries.
- Advertising was done for the Chaplin Bicentennial 5K Race and a presentation of maple syrup to 1st place Chaplin female (Rebecca Stockdale-Woolley) and 1st place Chaplin male (Ethan Anderson) who also were the overall winners. There were over 100 people in attendance with 79 runners (mostly kids).

Anne Sicilian looked up the sign ordinance for how close signs can be to the road (nothing listed).

8. SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

- Schedule and Assignments
- Task List
- Recruit Cleanup Crew for end of event

Dick Weingart suggested inviting Dave Stone to the next meeting.

9. ADJOURN:

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

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