

CHAPLIN AD-HOC BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Chaplin, Connecticut

Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2022

Chairperson Leslie Ricklin called the meeting to order at 4 PM. Present were members Warren Church, Dick Weingart, Anne Sicilian, Bob Grindle, Ann Lewis and Julie Lindquist. Others present was First Selectman Juan Roman, Public Works Director Dave Stone and Board of Finance member Linda Caron. Unable to attend was Board member Bill Rose.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 14, 2022:

Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from June 14, 2022, was made by Bob Grindle, seconded by Warren Church and carried with one abstention by Ann Lewis.

4. AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS: None

5. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Friends of the Library inquiry about funds for the float:

Friends of the Library asked about any available funds for their float (\$100 to cover a banner and printing book covers). Bob Grindle encourages supporting the library. Warren Church suggested funds for floats be available for Town organizations. Linda Caron is working on the float for the school with 7 Districts and kids dressed in period dress (could use the \$100 to throw out candy). Discussion was held on what is considered a Town of Chaplin entity. Bob Grindle suggested advertising up to \$100 available for Chaplin based organizations that want to enter a float to encourage interest.

b. Diana Alvarez inquiry about selling her items on Sept. 10:

Bob Grindle commented about items ordered at the Plant Sale not delivered yet (expected to take about 2 months). Anne Sicilian clarified that the inquiry was from a person that ordered items at the Plant Sale (not Diana).

Motion to table #5a and b, was made by Bob Grindle, seconded by Warren Church and carried unanimously.

c. Planning a schedule of events for Sept. 10: what are the events, who's responsible for each part of the day, when is each event occurring, etc.

The Committee reviewed and revised the Schedule of Events for September 10th:

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| 10:00 | Stage the Parade – begins at the church (need to change permit to 11:00 - 12:00) |
| 12:00 | Talent Show and Games (sack race, 3-legged race, tug-of-war, spoon race, 50-meter dash (near the playscape with Linda Caron) |
| 1:00 | Town Yoga Class (at the baseball field with Anji Jacks) |
| 1:00 | Ukulele Band |
| 1:30 | Babcock Band |
| 2:00 | Greetings/Recognitions (Leslie will open the ceremony, followed by Juan introducing the Lt. Governor who will read the proclamation - need reserved parking for dignitaries) |
1. Recognition of 1st Selectmen – introduce and recognize for their service by Juan Roman (letters signed and ready to be sent out to 6 surviving Selectmen – couldn't find the 7th)
 2. Recognition of Leaders from Mansfield, Windham, Hampton – recognize by Juan Roman (Bob will confirm with Alan Cahill, Julie will confirm with Tony Moran, need to confirm with Tom DeVivo)
 3. Recognition of Parish Hill Artists - recognize by Juan Roman

4. Arboretum Dedication – with a white oak tree cited as surveyor point in Ben Chaplin’s Will (Leslie will follow up with Helen Weingart)

3:00 **Drone Photograph of Townspeople** - by Brian Synott

3:00-5:00 **357 Band**

5:00-8:00 **Paul Leonard Band**

8:00 **FIREWORKS**

Ongoing Activities – Wood Chopping Exhibition (baseball field), food vendors, Last Green Valley, Joshua’s Trust, Nature Scavenger Hunt, Information/Bicentennial Booth

- Dave Stone asked if the Committee plans on closing Chaplin St. for the parade (will close Chaplin St. and send notices to the residents) and suggested the Ukulele Band move to a different spot (the town can provide a generator for the microphone).
- Linda Caron asked about power for the Talent Show for her son Daniel to make announcements (there is power near the pavilion) and offered her Scout Troop to present flags at the beginning of the parade.
- Juan Roman reported an update from Bill Rose regarding the parade - participants so far include Town Agencies, a few residents and a couple of businesses (will need to go out and do some face-to-face recruiting). Dick Weingart reported that Joe Pinto is the contact for bands for the parade and has one lined up (need to confirm).
- Dick Weingart expressed concerns with distraction of wood chopping during the opening ceremonies that will take about an hour (will ask them to stop).
- Warren Church suggested dropping the Time Capsule (received only one suggestion of a turtle). Anne Sicilian suggested taking photos of the trees now for a future time capsule (Juan suggested photo of the whole town).

Motion to drop the Time Capsule, was made by Bob Grindle, seconded by Dick Weingart and carried unanimously.

- Dick Weingart drafted the proclamation and presented it to the Committee. Juan asked about the timeframe to submit and deliver the proclamation (there is a website for submission that must be at least 4 weeks and not more than 90 days before the event – Dick will follow up).
- Leslie Ricklin asked how to make sure the Lt. Governor is coming (Juan will follow up with Dennis O’Brien).
- Leslie Ricklin reported that the Parish Hill Drone Club teacher will be doing the Drone Photo. The Town will be mapped out with the 7 Districts (including rivers running through) and big signs in each District to help people get organized. There will be a map posted in the Bicentennial booth and postcards sent out with a link to the map (Dick suggested adding a QR Code to the program to scan for the map).
- Discussed the events that need a liaison (Talent Show and Games - Anne, Drone Photo - Warren, Parade - Bill Rose and Joe Pinto).

d. What do we need (ex. Popup tent, tables, chairs, etc.): No discussion

e. Program – who is responsible, when should it be done

The Program needs a design for the cover (Johanne will work on) and historical clips (ideas should be sent to Leslie or Warren). Gulemo Printers needs 2 weeks for processing the Program (all documents need to be submitted by August 1st – Ann will follow up with Lena). Juan Roman suggested small working groups to meet weekly to work on the program. A special meeting will be held on July 19th at

4pm to discuss the Program and Parade. Dick Weingart asked to look at the previous program (Leslie will bring to the special meeting).

6. SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

Dave Stone asked about approving expenses and will send a list to Dick Weingart (contact person).

- Finalize Expenses (August 9th regular meeting)

7. ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn (5:32 PM) was made by Bob Grindle, seconded by Dick Weingart.

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