

CHAPLIN BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE
Chaplin, Connecticut
Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2020

Chairperson Leslie Ricklin called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM. Present were members Warren Church, Dick Weingart, Anne Sicilian, and First Selectman Bill Rose. Unable to attend was David Shenker, Bob Grindle and Kayse Pellegrino.

3. **AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS:** None

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 10, 2020:**

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 10, 2020, was made by Warren Church with the following correction: Item #6c – correct the spelling of Amy Kalisher. *The motion was seconded by Anne Sicilian and carried unanimously.*

5. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** None

6. **ACTION ITEMS:**

a. **Discussion regarding a Definition of Duties and Functions of a Town Historian:**

Leslie Ricklin reviewed Town Historian duties from several places and recommends the duties from the State of New York to record the local history for the town of Chaplin. Warren Church suggested forwarding to the Board of Selectmen for adoption. Crystal Rogers-Reed, an Associate Professor of Aerospace studies, is interested in the position. Anne Sicilian's husband is interested in helping by reviewing and scanning photos. Rick Nichols is also interested in helping.

Motion to forward Definition of Duties and Functions of a Town Historian to the Board of Selectmen for adoption along with a potential candidate, was made by Bill Rose, seconded by Dick Weingart and carried unanimously.

b. **Update on the Bicentennial Arboretum:**

People have been very generous with their donations. The 1st phase goal was far exceeded with a total of \$6,060. The 2nd phase goal is \$7,750. Dick Weingart reported an additional mail-in donation of \$1,000 and a committed donation of \$600 in memory of a family member for a new total of \$7,660.

c. **Reports:**

1) **Update on the Play of the First Town Meeting:**

Continue to the next meeting to update interest from the Windham Players. Warren Church suggested a Director is needed before proceeding with the play that requires a great deal of organization. Anne Sicilian suggested teachers that do school performances might be interested. Warren Church will reach out to Donna Dufresne for interest.

2) **Update on House/Garden Tours:**

Continued to the next meeting to update information from Jean Givens.

3) **Virtual Videos of Bicentennial Activities:**

Continue to the next meeting for update on drone virtual videos by Kayse Pellegrino's husband. He is interested in taking drone videos of the Arboretum plantings.

4) Other Activities and Fundraisers:

- **Scavenger Hunt:**
- **5K Race:**

Warren Church will work with Linda Caron on the 5K Race.

Anne Sicilian suggested doing a nature trail and printing brochures. Bill Rose suggested using funding from the Arboretum project to print the brochures.

- **Calendar Fundraiser:**

The Committee was presented with sample calendars with photos from different rooms in a historic home. Leslie Ricklin suggested doing Bicentennial activities calendar fundraiser for the Town of Chaplin with scenes including: Diana's Pool, old barns and Chaplin Street. Activities would include: historic walks, fireworks and dedication of the Arboretum. The Town Historian could find dates that go along with the events such as the first Town Meeting. Warren Church suggested a project of cleaning up open space on South Bear Hill.

- **Suggestions for Sponsors:**

Warren Church suggested looking at hometown businesses for sponsors such as Home Depot, Zlotnick's and Pine Acres (who has expressed an interest).

7. SECOND AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS: None

8. SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

- New Developments
- Update on Blog, Facebook
- Moving Museum with Future Exhibit
- Establish Project List

9. DATE AND PLACE FOR NEXT MEETINGS:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 29th at 6:30 PM.
Bill Rose left the meeting.

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn (1:41 PM) was made by Dick Weingart and seconded by Anne Sicilian.

*Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Scott
Recording Clerk*