

**Town of Simsbury
350th Anniversary Celebration
Committee Meeting
May 22, 2019 – 3:00 p.m.
Simsbury Public Library Program Room**

Present:

Committee Members: Joe Buda, Lisa Gray, Wendy LaMontagne, Diana Moody, Ieke Scully, Jean Sumner, Sharene Wassell, Tara Willerup, Amber Abbuhl

Town Staff: Director of Culture Parks and Recreation Tom Tyburski, Library Head of Children's Services Stephanie Prato, Library Admin Secretary Sue Mazurski

Call to Order: Mr. Tyburski called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Public Audience: There was no public audience.

Minutes of May 8, 2019:

Motion by Ms. Willerup, seconded by Ms. Gray to accept the minutes as presented. Ms. Abbuhl abstained.

Introductions:

Joe Buda representing the Historical Society and the Tourism Committee, Jean Sumner representing the Simsbury Women's Club, Amber Abbuhl representing the Simsbury Junior Women's Club and Diana Moody representing the Simsbury Land Trust introduced themselves.

Discussion of Closing Event:

Mr. Tyburski discussed the Closing Event in detail. It is suggested that this event take place in the Fall and possibly be held the Saturday of Septemberfest (9/20/20) and he suggested that this event could include fireworks. Due to the expense of the fireworks (between \$5,000-\$10,000) if they were rained out in September they should then become part of the November Simsbury Celebrates festivities. He also reported that the Town of Simsbury is offering a budget of \$18,000.

Subcommittee Members:

The sign up sheets were passed around and more names were added. Mr. Tyburski encouraged everyone to ask for help from their friends and neighbors, it isn't necessary to join the Subcommittee in order to give some time and participate.

Subcommittee Reports/Budgets:

No subcommittees have met yet. The five main committees are the Opening Committee, the River Day Committee, the Fall Family Fest, Fundraising/Sponsors and Marketing.

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The group discussed the various events planned for the entire year; Ms. Abbuhl from the Jr. Women's Club is also the PTO Chair at Tootin' Hills and they are planning a time capsule. She also stated that the Jr. Women's Club is interested in holding some sort of a gala but would like to do it earlier in the year because of their commitment schedule. Ms. Willerup offered to do an organizational kick off early in 2020 at the Free Library to attract attention and perhaps draft some more volunteers.

Ms. Gray informed the group that 2020 was also the 25th Anniversary of the Talcott Mountain Music Fest. The Historical Society is also sponsoring an Art Walk in 2020 and the sculptures are coming back to Simsbury in 2020.

Next Steps:

Mr. Tyburski encouraged all subcommittees to meet and start signing up people to help. He advised that he and Ms. Karim will reach out to all the committees to appoint a chair.

Meeting Locations for July and August:

Wendy LaMontagne worked with Eno and has set the following dates for July and August:

July 3, Old Court Room

July 17, Old Court Room

July 31, South Conference Room

August 14, Old Court Room

August 28, South Conference Room

All rooms are booked from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Room Rental forms will have to be completed.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, June 5 at 3:00 p.m. in the Library Program Room 2

Adjournment:

Motion by Ms. Willerup, seconded by Ms. Gray to adjourn at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Mazurski