

Yorktown Heritage Preservation Zoom Meeting May 17, 2023

Board Present: Chair Lynn Briggs; Christine Sisler, and Tom McLoughlin, Jessica Cox and Nancy Milanese were present. Excuse: Bridget Krowe and Adam Fetzer

Chair Briggs opened the meeting with details of the upcoming Revolutionary Westchester 250 program being held at the Grange Ground (Rochambeau Park) on Saturday, May 20, 2023. This event will be held from 10 am to 4 pm. It is free to the public. The event will highlight the French army aiding George Washington and the Continentals before he headed to Yorktown, Virginia. Rochambaum site was chosen since it was one of the five Camp 16 locations as in 1781.

This event is to educate the public to understand who General Rochambeau and the French Army were and how they aided Washington and the Continentals, and what happened in Yorktown and Yorktown Virginia.

Discussion on posting of the event was discussed. Jessica has posted on all of her sites, Christine took care of the local ones. It's in the local newspapers and as well as signs being posted throughout town.

Linda had spearheaded this event and is the welcoming host. Greetings remarks by France, Brigadier General Vincent DeKytspotter will follow along with Senator Andrea Steward, Senator Peter Harckham, Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg, and Supervisor Thomas Diana.

Exhibitors will set up their tents on Friday beginning at 3 pm to 8 pm. They are encourage to do so at that time rather than on Saturday morning. There will be representatives from Hunt's Tavern (Freyer's daughters) manning an exhibit. The Historical Society will host a program along with a map exhibit.

Photo shoots with re-enactors will be available. Food and beverage can be purchased. Lynn stated everything has been taken care of including but not limited to traffic control, safety, garbage.

There will be similar events held in Armonk and O'Dell House, Hartsdale. Revolution 250 wants to make this a yearly event but has limited funding. Lynn approached the town for \$10,000 for the event. They'll contribute \$2300 as long as YHPC uses their funds consisting of \$5700 first. She has provided Finance with W9 forms and, according to Lynn, Pat Caporale has agreed to pay all the re-enactors the day of the event.

A program has been prepared and will be distributed the day of the event as the public enter the park. Program attached.

Meeting was adjourned approximately 9 pm.