

Ludlow, MA 250<sup>th</sup> Semi-Quincentennial Celebration

Meeting Minutes Thursday January 20, 2022  
Hubbard Memorial Library

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1. Establish of Quorum/ Roll Call

Committee Members in attendance; Linda Collette, Anthony Curto, Elaine Hodgman, Kathy (Hurley) Ouimette, Bruce Durand, Karen (Kibbe) Pilon, Robert Burek, Walter Craven

Invited guests in attendance; Dr William Kosher, Jim Martin, Lori Smith, Dennis Hackett(The Reminder), Jonah Snowden( The Register)

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 5:31pm by Committee Chair Linda Collette

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes were accepted with a change to the attendance as Bill Koss and Bruce Durand were not in attendance. Elaine Hodgman made motion to accept minutes and Kathy Ouimette 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

3. Old Business

a. Walter and Kathy finished and presented the 250<sup>th</sup> committee web Page.

Web Page; Ludlow Ma 250.org

Email; Ludlow Ma 250 @ gmail.com

Facebook Page; Ludlow Mass 250th

b. Keep webpage fresh and with pictures.

c. Facebook page will be read only, officers of the 250<sup>th</sup> and Walter Craven will have access to administer the Facebook page.

d. Webpage will cost a \$1,000 for 3years, Walter made a motion to allocate \$1000 for web page to go live, Bruce 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion was approved.

e. Selectman approved \$25,000 for celebration. Linda, Kathy, and Elaine will meet with Town Accountant Kim Collins to explain how the committee can spend the monies.

f. Concerns about having the parade on June 22, 2024, were brought up about will we be able to get local high school bands to participate in that month since school will be out for summer session. Bruce said he would start working on contacting the local schools.

4. New Business

a. Town Hall Meeting set for February 28, 2022, at Ludlow High School

James Martin will be moderator. Dr. William Kosher will give a history of the Town of Ludlow. History will go back to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Dr. Kosher had tapes from interviews and surveys he and students had done in the past from mill workers, townspeople. Unfortunately, these tapes were lost so Dr. Kosher will recall as much as he can at the meeting with stories and antidotes.

b. The History of Ludlow book by Herbert McChesney from 1974 is a great resource for the first 200 years of Ludlow History and will be used for our 250<sup>th</sup>. We will add the history of the next fifty years, seeking information, pictures, etc. asking townspeople to share what they have so

that we can use it for our town history going forward and document it. This will also be used for the book we plan to put together for purchase.

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- c. Elaine Hodgman reached out to Marty Fanning and Greg Bell to see if they could help Dr, Kosher and Marty said they would be available, and Greg Bell is not interested. Elaine will also contact Pro Merito for student volunteers to help out at town meetings.
  - d. Linda will meet with Dr. Kosher and Jim Martin to go over town meeting. Walter was invited to film opening remarks by Jim Martins to be posted on Web Page.
  - e. Patrick McGowan from Hubbard Memorial Library will also be presenting at town hall meeting where he will show how he has been digitizing glass plate negatives from the Ludlow mills which were donated to the town library from WestMass, formerly Ludlow Mfg. Co.
  - f. Linda has started working on the pamphlets/ program for town meeting. The handout will include Mission statement, Logo and presenters for the evening.
  - g. After the Town Hall presentations in the LHS auditorium, we will then move to the cafeteria for breakout sessions to talk about volunteerism, ideas, etc. with poster boards and sticky notes for townspeople to make suggestions for events and volunteer for committees. The committee extended and invitation to Celebrate Ludlow Committee thru their committee chair, Laurie Smith.
  - h. To get the word out about the 250<sup>th</sup> Town Hall meeting, the committee will contact Channel 22 datebook, would like to distribute a flyer in the Ludlow Schools via email. Linda will create this flyer and send it to the Ludlow Public School Dept. where once approved, will be sent to students, parents, and staff. Jodi Zepke from the Ludlow Senior Center would like to meet with the committee about getting Ludlow Seniors to come. Linda and Kathy will try to arrange an in-person meeting with the members of the Ludlow Senior Center one or two weeks prior to the Town Hall meeting. Grace Barone from ERC5 will also help get the word out. Derek DeBarge will see if the committee can use the robo call system to announce 250<sup>th</sup> Town Hall meeting. The committee will also use local news media/papers to announce upcoming events for the celebration.
  - i. Sponsorship will be done in tiers; committee will work on requirements for this and will consider handing out sponsorship flyers at Town hall meeting on 2-28-22, Memorial Day parade, etc.
5. Meeting on February 3, 2022 will put committee members on specific tasks for the 250<sup>th</sup> Town Hall meeting.
  6. Next Meeting is set for February 3, 2022, at 5:30pm at Hubbard Memorial Library. Another meeting is being held on February 17, 2022.
  7. Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 7:45 pm was made by Anthony, 2nd by Elaine, all in favor, motion passed.

250<sup>th</sup> Semi-Quincentennial Celebration Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Anthony T. Curto