

Ludlow, Ma 250th Semi-Quincentennial celebration

Meeting minutes Thursday February 24, 2022

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1. Establish of Quorum / Roll Call

Committee members in Attendance: Linda (Chapman) Collette, Elaine (Lewison) Hodgman, Bruce Durand, Rob Burek, Anthony Curto

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 5:34pm by Chairperson Linda (Chapman) Collette

2. Review of Meeting Minutes from February 17,2022 with corrections to spelling, we didn't meet a quorum, and will vote to approve at next meeting.

3. Old Business

a. Town Hall Meeting on 2-28-22

* Ushers/Greeters will be student volunteers Kathy Tassinari, Leo Laguerre, Aislynn Fontaine, Emily Godek along with Committee members Butch Reginer, Paul Charzan & Anthony Curto. They will let the attendees know where the bathrooms are, show them to the auditorium, remind them that food and drink are not allowed in the auditorium and hand out the programs.

* The meeting will start promptly at 6pm. Student volunteers will leave once the auditorium portion of the program has ended and move to the cafeteria.

* Linda picked up poster board in all bright colors and will put them up in the cafeteria for towns people to add ideas for events or volunteer.

*Walter will be working with Ludlow Cable Access TV.

*Bruce and Karen will set up coffee and Munchkins in the cafeteria.

* Rob will be taking photos through out the night.

* All committee members will participate in the cafeteria to assist townspeople.

b. Parade - Bruce presented an outline of the parade.

- Bruce suggested getting Golf Carts for the committee members. They would be borrowed or rented from Ludlow Country Club, Westover Golf Course and Mill Valley Golf Course.

* Bruce would like to hire professional Judges to grade the floats. There will be 3 categories for the floats: Historical/ Hometown/Open Class. Judges would be paid anywhere from \$100 to \$150. Trophies would be awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place.

* Bruce will be working on the criteria for Grand Marshall. He suggested to keep it to one Grand Marshall.

*Will need to investigate whether the Town has a Grandstand for the parade. If the town does not have one, we would look for a local carpenter that could make a Grandstand and Announcers Booth. The announcers booth can be used later for another event.

* Bruce went over some of the musical entertainment he plans on inviting:

Hartford Steel Band: would need a flatbed, CT Hurricane, Halomore Clydesdales, Italian American Band, Marksmen Drum and Bugle Corp, Marquis Granby Fife and Drum Corp, Melba Shriners, Polish American String Band, Spirit of America, St. Peters Drum Corp, Windsor Fife and Drum Corp, Rensselaer Yankee Doodle Band along with Local School Bands

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*This is not like our Memorial Day parade, but more like the Holyoke St. Patrick's Day.

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New Business

- a. Paul Chrzan passed along the dates of the Ludlow Country Clubs 4 Ball Tournament. The tournament is held annually the weekend after Father's Day. Would fall on the weekend of June 20- 23 in 2024.
- b. Committee will consider moving the parade to June 15, 2024. Will be discussed and voted on at the next Meeting so Bruce can send out the band invites.
- c. Elaine will investigate borrowing banner carriers from the High School.
- d. Celebrate Ludlow is thinking of changing the date to Sept and may consider doing it in coordination with the cultural Festival at Memorial and Gazebo Park.
- e. Business lists need to be finished by the end of March 2022. Please do your part!
- f. Linda met with New England Promotional Marketing and Fams T, the new business in town who makes custom shirts, hats, etc. Discussed getting merchandise and swag printed up to be sold as a fundraising tool. Hats, mugs, ball caps, T Shirts water bottles, koozies etc. Along with purchasing Shirts for the Committee members to wear at all events.
- g. Linda brought up having the committee march in the Memorial Day Parade and handing out Magnets and bags to the kids with the 250th logo on them. The bags would be for the kids to put the candy they collect at the parade and the Magnets for the adults.
- h. Linda commented about the article in The Register and stated that she did not state that Mr. Kosher was "thee" town Historian. She told them he was a former History teacher at the high school and knew a lot about Ludlow history, and was very happy and willing to share his wealth of town history at our Town Hall event. Marilyn Paul Lewis is the official town historian, however we are fortunate to have many people in town who know a great deal of history about our town.

Next Committee Meeting will be held on March 7 at Linda's house 297 Colonial Drive. The main topic will be changing the parade date.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:55pm by Anthony and 2nd by Rob.

Respectfully submitted by Anthony Curto, Secretary for the Ludlow 250th Semi-Quincentennial Celebration Committee.