

Ludlow Ma, 250th Semi-Quincentennial Celebration

Meeting Minutes Thursday March 24, 2022

Ludlow Memorial Library

1. Establish of Quorum/Roll Call

Committee Members in Attendance: Linda (Chapman) Collette, Butch Reginer, Bruce Durand, Paul Chrzan, Kathy (Hurley) Ouimette, Walter Craven, Elaine (Lewison) Hodgman, Anthony Curto

Guest in Attendance: Darlene Kennedy, Bob Mishol, Carolyn Kolodziey, Roz Sousa, Patrick McGowan

2. Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order t 5:35pm

* Motion to accept the minutes of the Meeting on March 7, 2022, made by Bruce Durand 2nd by Walter Craven. Motion passed with the exception to remove the "E" from Elaine Hodgman's last name

3. Old Business

Parade

* Bruce Durand asked if he could receive a copy of the people who volunteered to work on the parade committee at the Town Hall Meeting. Linda sent Bruce the list via e-mail.

* Bruce Durand is also looking for committee members to be part of the parade committee, along with Linda(Chapman) Collette, Kathy (Hurley) Ouimette, and himself.

* Bruce Durand also asked if anyone would volunteer to be secretary for the Parade committee. Anthony Curto volunteered for this position

*Bruce Durand stated there will be 6 divisions in the parade

* Bruce Durand has spoken to 12 musical units as of this date. He has 4 groups that are interested but are waiting to find out about transportation due to the rising cost of fuel. He has 1 unit who have committed, The Great American Band

* Bruce Durand will check with Eric Segundo Ludlow's Veterans Director, about the musical acts he uses for the Memorial parade, and will extend invites to these groups

*It was suggested that the committee could ask some of the local colleges about lodging for some of the musical acts that my need lodging

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* Walter Craven asked Bruce Durand if he had the town officials look over the contract would like to use for the musical acts. Bruce Durand will contact the Town Administrator Marc Strange to make sure the contract is approved

4. New Business

* Paul Chrzan informed the committee that May 29, 2022, is Vietnam Veterans Day and that there are several events in honor of them. The Ludlow Vietnam Veterans will be at Randall's Farm on Saturday May 26, 2022 & Sunday May 27, 2022 will be selling Poppies and books. On March 29 there will be a ceremony in Chicopee, Ma at Riverview or Senior Center to celebrate the Vietnam Vets in that town. Anyone interested can check with the Veteran Director of Chicopee, Ma

* Paul Chrzan will be setting up meetings for Linda (Chapman) Collette to request sponsorship from some of the local business he has used for various organizations. He will try to make these meetings in the late afternoon to work with Linda (Chapman) Collette schedule

* Paul Chrzan will be attending the Golf Commission meeting in May 2022, to talk about using the Courses to hold a Golf Tournament for the committee. Walter Craven volunteered to accompany him if needed

* Paul Chrzan would like to schedule a Meeting for Linda (Chapman) Collette and himself with Scott Daniela, President of People's bank and President of the Ludlow Pioneers at Lusitano club. It was thought that the Pioneers could hold an exhibition game with the New England Revolution as a fundraiser for the committee

* Paul Chrzan would like to set up a meeting with Eddie Sokolowski at PVC for Linda (Chapman) Collette and himself to discuss what they can do to help the committee. Finically and publicity

* Paul Chrzan stated that on January 13, 2023, there will be the Annual, 1st Responders Dinner. Would like Linda (Chapman) Collette to go ask his guest to promote the Ludlow's 250th Celebration

* Paul Chrzan shared a letter that Eric Sequendo Ludlow's Veteran's Veterans director that they use when they send out letters requesting sponsors or gifts. This letter could accompany the Tier letter Sponsorship form Walter Craven is creating

* Paul Chrzan will be coordinating dates with Linda (Chapman) Collette to seek sponsor.

* Paul Chrzan stated The Elks Club Cruise nights will be starting on the 1st Tuesday in May 2022. There will be 1 Cruise night a year from 2022 thru 2024, sponsored by the 250th Ludlow Town Celebration Committee. There will be to hold raffles and hand out paperwork for upcoming events. Along with donation cards. No merchandise is allowed to be sold at the cruise night. Paul will pay the fee for these events

* The Elks club has been given approval to hold a Food Truck fair on their grounds by the Board of Health. Paul Chrzan would like to do 1 in August on a Sunday as a fundraiser for the 250th Town Celebration committee

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* Paul Chrzan needs letter to secretary of the Corvette Club for use in the parade, so Town knows who is coming in for parade, he and Linda will work on this together and get it mailed out.

*Walter Craven spoke with Vanishing Valley Brewery and was told they need 8 to 10 weeks to do a run of 250th Celebration beer for events.

* Walter Craven spoke with Keith Ouellette owner of Mainly Drafts about participating in events. Keith said he was all in unless he has paying jobs for that date

* Paul Chrzan will have 250th Town Celebration Event Banner hung up at Elks club for cruise nights

* Paul Chrzan would like to use 2 courses for the golf tournament. He plans to speak with Westover Golf Course 1st then will speak with Ludlow Country Club. He is hoping that Ludlow Country Club can offer the same price as Westover. Would hold the banquet at Ludlow Country Club, with Tony Tavares doing the catering. If the price is reasonable Paul feels they can fill both clubs, might even try to get a couple of Ma. Celebrities to be there

Town Hall

* Town Hall meeting is going on the road. On April 8, 2022, Linda (Chapman) Collette and Kathy (Hurley) Ouimette will be bringing the Town Hall meeting to the Senior Center. Bruce Durand will also be going. Patrick McGowan will be presenting his digitized slides for the Ludlow Mills and Dr. Kosher will be there to share some of the town's history. Anyone else on the committee is welcome to attend.

Webpage

* Walter Craven and Patrick McGowan talked about what media content could be used. Old movies unless they are on VHS or Beta tape can not be used. Old pictures or newspaper articles can be digitized by Patrick McGowan and used on the Web page

* Walter Craven received photos form the Goodreau Family and the Ventura Family that will be used.

* Waler Craven would like to start interviewing some of the older towns people with the help of LCTV. He will moderate and would like the interview questions to be asked by a younger family member. Walter would like to start this series with the Ventura Family, the Goodreau Family and the Kibbe family

*** Motion was made for Walter Craven to star filming this project by Anthony Curto 2nd by Bruce Durand. Motion passed***

* Patrick McGowan donated a tape recorder to the committee to tape the Oral history from families. He would keep this in the Library Archives. Along with old videos town memorabilia, photos and things from the 1974 bicentennial parade

* Kathy (Hurley) Ouimette suggested putting the results from the 1st Town Meeting on the Web Page

Memorial Day Parade

* The committee will take part in the Memorial Day parade, May 30, 2022. It we decided that we would ask Mainly Drafts to host the committee on its wagon

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*** A motion was made by Bruce Durand to have 2 banners made to be attached to sides of Mainly Drafts wagon. Linda will get the banners made. 2nd by Elaine (Lewison) Hodgman. Motion Passed***

*** A motion was made by Walter for Linda (Chapman) Collette to come up with the wording to go on these banners 2nd by Butch Regnier. Motion Passed***

Sponsorship Letter

- * Walter Craven presented the Tier sponsorship form to the committee

- * Linda (Chapman) Collette would like to add email and phone number to the form

*Linda (Chapman) Collette would also like to move the wording to the bottom of the letter as a footer and have the logo a bit bigger

- * Linda (Chapman) Collette would also like to have a Major sponsorship category for \$50,000 donations

*****A motion was made by Bruce Durand, for any committee member having ideas about changing or adding things to the letter could email them to Linda (Chapman) Collette by April 1st and she would discuss them with Walter Craven, 2nd by Butch Regnier. Motion Passed *****

Next Town Hall Meeting

- * June 13, 2022 will be the next Town Hall Meeting for the committee. Kathy (Hurley)Ouimette has secured the Ludlow High School and Cafeteria

- * Meeting will be to recruit volunteers and discuss the events the committee has planned

- * The committee was asked to come up with suggestions for the guest speaker to keep the meeting fresh and to have people wanting more. Suggestion should be ready for next meeting

- * Mike Hill from LCTV will tape this event

- * Patrick McGowan will present new slide form the mills that he has digitized.

- * Tim Brillio will set up the microphone in the cafeteria

- * We need to get younger people in attendance, also some school teachers. Let's all work to get more people to attend our 2nd Town Hall meeting by personally inviting folks.

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Miscellaneous

- * Walter Craven suggested we should have the Committees logo cleaned up. The Logo is on a GIF file and should be on a Vector Graphic File for printing on banners shirts and other items.

- * Town signs are in need of being repaired or replaced in time for the 2024 celebration. Need to Contact DPW.

- *Anthony Curto suggested using the sponsor logos or name at the end of the videos that out on our webpage or LCTV Taped Events

* May 7, 2022 is Cleanup day in Ludlow. Linda (Chapman) Collette would like to see a strong presence from the committee at this event. It starts at 9:00 a.m. at the Memorial Park.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Thursday March 31, 2022, at Ludlow Hubbard Memorial Library at 5:30 pm

Thursday April 7, 2022, at Ludlow Hubbard Memorial Library at 5:30 pm

250th Semi-Quincentennial Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Anthony T. Curto

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