

Ludlow, Ma 250th Semi- Quincentennial Celebration

Meeting Minutes Thursday March 31, 2022

Ludlow Memorial Library

1. Establish of Quorum/ Roll Call

Committee Members: Linda (Chapman) Collette, Kathy (Hurley) Ouimette, Bruce Durand, Walter Craven, Elaine (Lewison) Hodgman, Paul Chrzan, Lori Hanson, Butch Regnier, Anthony Cuto

Guests in Attendance: Linda Belisle, Bob Mishol, Rayana Craven

2. Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance

The Meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM

* Motion to Accept the Minutes from the March 24, 2022, meeting was made by Lori Hanson, 2nd by Butch Regnier. Motion was passed

Linda (Chapman) Collette received an email from Karen Pilon stating she was resigning from the 250th Committee as of March 31, 2022

3. Old Business

Town Meetings

* June 13, 2022, the 250th committee will hold their 2nd Town meeting at the Ludlow High School

Kathy (Hurley) Ouimette has secured the date and filed the paperwork for this event.

Elaine (Lewison) Hodgman will get the student volunteer's again for this meeting

* April 8, 2022, Linda (Chapman) Collette, Kathy (Hurley) Bruce Durand, and possibly Elaine (Lewison) Hodgman and Walter Craven will be presenting the 1st Town Meeting information to the seniors at the Ludlow Senior Center. Dr. Kosher will attend and present some of the town's history. Patrick McGowan will attend and present his slide show presentation from the old mills

* The committee is still looking for a guest speaker for the June 13, 2022, meeting. Suggestions have been Mrs. Randall form Randall's Farm, Mrs. Kibbe part of the town Historical committee, Mr. Carvallo former principal at Ludlow Hugh School and member of the bicentennial committee

* Paul Chrzan will gather a list of older Ludlowites, that may be considered for a guest speaker

Memorial Day Parade 2022

* Linda has filed paperwork so the 250th committee can be in the parade

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* Keith Ouellette will display the committee's banners on both sides of his horse drawn wagon. Any committee member that is unable to walk in the parade will be on the wagon. Keith would also like to have Local Veterans on the wagon as well.

* Paul Chrzan will check with the Veterans but won't know anything positive until the day of the parade

* Linda (Chapman) Collette is working on get the banners made she is looking in to having them made at the Hamden County Jail or it was suggested by Linda Belisile they she could try Chucks Signs owned by a graduate of Ludlow High School

Historical Pictures and interviews

* Residents have been sending in pictures to Patrick McGowan at the library> he will also be receiving more pictures from the old Mill

* Paul Chrzan also brought in Pictures of prominent families and citizens of Ludlow in a scrap book he has, included in the book are Ludlow High School Graduating class photos of the class of 1933 and the class of 1935

Iron Duke event at the Elks

* The date of the Iron Duke Event at the Elks will be in October not September as was previous stated. The committee will ask if they can have a presence at the Event and if Iron Duke can create a special Brew for Ludlow's 250th Celebration. Butch Regnier has volunteered to taste the brew

4. New Business

Electing Officers

* Anthony Curto made a motion for Linda (Chapman) Collette for Chairperson of the 250th Celebration Committee, Paul Chrzan 2nd the motion ***** Motion Passe*****

* Elaine (Lewison)Hodgman made a motion for Kathy (Hurley) Ouimette for Vice Chairperson of the 250th Celebration Committee, Paul Chrzan 2nd the motion***** Motion Passed***

* Walter Craven made a Motion for Anthony Curto for Secretary of the 250th Celebration Committee, Bruce Durand 2nd the motion ***** Motion Passed*****

* Lori Hanson made a motion for Elaine (Lewison)Hodgman for Treasure of the 250th Celebration Committee, Paul Chrzan2nd the motion*****Motion Passed*****

250th Parade

* Bruce Durand has sent an email out to all volunteers for the 1st meeting. This meeting will be held on April 19, 2022, at the Ludlow Town Hall meeting room 1

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- * Bruce Durand is looking for anywhere from 14 to 20 people for the parade committee
- * Bruce Durand stated he will need lots of parade Marshall with an estimate of 14 or better
- * All floats need to be road worth and will be inspected before the parade
- * Floats are going to be routed up Sewall Street. Bruce Durand will be asking the police for help
- * Shuttle Buses will be located on Chestnut Street to bring parade marchers back to the Ludlow High School. Parade Marshalls will help getting the marchers to the buses
- * Bruce Durand will contact the school dept about using East St School, for the reviewing stand and the announcer's booth. Will need to contact Ludlow DPW dept for reviewing stand and sawhorses to block off the roads.
- * Could ask to borrow East Longmeadow's Announcers booth
- * Need to contact Bill Koss about having LCTV film the parade from the East Street School
- * Bruce Durand asked Linda (Chapman) Collette to get a press release out announcing the parade as soon as possible. Also contact Local newspapers. Paul Chrzan suggested having it put in The Reminder East / West as it covers 67 cities and towns in Massachusetts. The Register will only post it in the town paper that is holding the Event
- * Would like to have it on Channel 22 and Channel 40 on their local calendar and also posted in the Springfield Republican

* Anthony Curto suggested that the committee investigate using the double decker bus from Peter Picknally. For the 250th Celebration committee to ride in

* Bruce will check with Chicopee Fire Dept about having the #29 Truck and the Button truck in the parade

- * There will be 3 classes of floats: Historical, Hometown, Open Class
- * Bands in parade get paid the day of the parade

Face book and Web Site

- * The Facebook page and Web Page have both been updated by Walter Craven
- * In the last 45 days the pages have received a combine view of 6800 visitors 1% of the traffic is from Portugal
- * Walter Craven stated he would rather be overwhelmed with information for the webpages, this will assure he is getting the information correctly
- * There are pictures at the Town Hall that could be used on the web site if we can get copies. Elaine (Lewison) Hodgman brought them there
- * Patrick McGowan and Linda (Chapman) Collette saw boxes of old pictures of old pictures at the town hall. Patrick would like to get these so he can restore them. Could also be used on the web pages.

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These photos are the Historically Committee and are categorized and will be moved and stored at the library in cabinets that could be access by the library or the Historical committee

Business List

*Kathy (Hurley) Ouimette is looking for the business list she asked the committee members to check information on.

*Walter craven suggested we could get information on the business of a state web page. Commonwealth of Mass. Secretary of State Bill Gavin, Corporate data base. May be able to look up business by name or by searching Ludlow, Ma

* Some business in Ludlow may not be incorporated in the Town of Ludlow

* Kathy (Hurley) Ouimette asked Laurie Smith of Celebrate Ludlow if she could see the business list they used. As of now this has not happened

* It was also suggested that we could use ERC5 to look up Ludlow Business

Miscellaneous

* Ludlow Culture Council Concert September 18, 2022, would like the Committee to be there. They will introduce the committee and allow us to se up a table with information and merchandise to sell

* Ideas for memorabilia for the 250th anniversary came up Anthony Curto brought up the idea of a jigsaw puzzle along with a limited Christmas ornament there would only be 250 made and numbered. He was asked by Linda to investigate prices for these items

* Treasures Report needs to be given once a month at a meeting. Not worried about income but need to know expenses. As of this meeting paperwork to get the money from the state has been filled out, by both Elaine (Lewison) Hodgman and the Town.

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5. Meeting Adjourned

* Motion to adjourn was made by Elaine (Lewison) Hodgman and 2nd by Kathy (Hurley)Ouimette

***** Motion Passed*****

Next Meeting is on Thursday April 7, 2022, at Ludlow Memorial Library at 5:30pm

Meeting Minutes Respectfully submitted by Anthony Curto, Secretary of the 250th Semi Quincentennial Celebration Committee