

Ludlow, Ma 250th Semi Quincentennial Committee

Meeting Minutes May 12, 2022

Ludlow Hubbard Memorial Library

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1. Establish of Quorum/ Roll Call

Committee Members; Linda (Chapman) Collette, Kathy (Hurley) Ouimette, Elaine (Lewison) Hodgman, Bruce Durand, Robert Mishol, Butch Regnier, Anthony Curto

Guests: Patrick McGowan, Chris Smith, Cindy (Machado) Saleh

2. Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was call to order at 5:35pm

3. Old Business

Clean up Day Linda (Chapman) Collette, Kathy (Hurley) Ouimette, Derek DeBarge represented the committee and collected 6 trash bags worth of trash

As Of May 12, 2022, Linda has not received the sponsorship Tier letter from Walter Craven. Walter sent Linda (Chapman) Collette that he would send the letter when we got out of work today

Motion was made by Bruce Durand to accept the minutes of the meeting on April 12, 2022 motion was 2nd by Robert Mishol..... Motion passed Unanimously

4. New Business

Town Hall meeting is set for June 13, 2022, at the Ludlow High school Auditorium.

Bill Rooney will be the guest speaker. Patrick McGowan will be showing photos he has digitized from the Historical Commission along with more form the Ludlow Mills. Along with pictures from the parades celebrating Ludlow's 100th, 150, 200, 225 birthdays. Ray Paralyk could help getting photos from archives at the Springfield Paper. Coach Brillio of Ludlow High School will setup a Microphone in the cafeteria. Ludlow Cable Tv record the meeting to be played on Ludlow Access TV later. Advertising will be in The Register, The Reminder along with The Calendar on Channel 22. The announcement will also be on the Face book page and website for the 250th Committee. The committee will set up at 5pm. Kathy (Hurley) Ouimette has arranged for cookies and punch/Lemonade. Chris Smith has volunteered to take photos of the evening. Elaine (Lewison) Hodgman will make arrangements to get 4 Ludlow High School students to help that evening Linda (Chapman) Collette will get notices to the school. Patrick McGowan will put a notice on the sign at the library. Greeters for the Evening will be Butch Regnier, Robert Mishol and Anthony Curto. Bruce Durand will speak about the 250th parade. There will be pictures of Parades in the cafeteria after the presentation in the auditorium.

Linda (Chapman) Collette suggested inviting the parade committee to the Town Hall Meeting.

250th Parade

April 19, 2022, was the 1st meeting for the parade committee, it was an orientation and a meet and greet for the group. The next meeting is set for May 17, 2022, with the hopes of assigning Parade duties to individuals. Bruce said it is too early to offer contact to musical groups. The music coordinator will be responsible for issuing contracts to the musical acts. Bruce had the town administrator Mark Strange, look at the contract he has created, and he see no problem with using them. He will double check with the town Law Dept. Bruce and Linda (Chapman) Collette also spoke with Kim Batista, Town Clerk and Mark Strange, Town Administrator about needing a Charge in Charter for the parade group. They stated this would not be necessary, no other committee has had to have one. The parade committee will be made up of volunteers, with Bruce being the Head of the group. Linda (Chapman) Collette and Kathy (Hurley) are considered part of this group as they are Chair and Vice Chair of the 250th Semi-Quincentennial Committee. Shuttle buses will be set up on Lower East St. in front of the library and as they fill up will head up Center St. to the High School to drop off the marchers. The Police Chief will be coming to the Parade meeting in the future. Bruce Durand would like to reach out an invite Immaculate Conception Church in Indian Orchard to be in the parade.

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Memorial Parade

The shirts have been ordered for the Committee at Fami's Custom Design & Printing; they should be ready in about a week to 10 days. Linda (Chapman) Collette will pick up the shirts for the committee and will distribute them to the committee members. The committee will meet at the Gremio Lusitano Club area for 9am. The Parade will start at 10am. Bruce Durand will be working with Eric Segundo Veterans Affairs Officer for Ludlow. Bruce asked if the committee knew of anyone willing to be a parade Marshall to have them contact Bruce Durand.

****A Motion was made by Anthony Curto to purchase candy to pass out at the Memorial Day Parade Motion was 2nd by Robert Mishol..... Motion passed Unanimously

***A Motion was made by Anthony Curto to hand out candy along the parade route. . Linda found best pricing through Amazon and will order the mixed bags and lollipops. Motion was 2nd by Robert Mishol..... Motion passed Unanimously

The overflow candy will be held on the wagon so committee members can refill their buckets.

The Committee will walk behind the Mainly Drafts wagon carrying Veterans and any committee member that can't walk the parade. There will be no throwing candy from the wagon as we don't want kids running into the road to retrieve them. The committee members that walk will be handing out the candy.

Miscellaneous

Create a poll on the Facebook page for events to do in 2024.

Suggestions are for a dinner dance- Comedy Night- Murder Mystery Dinner. Could ask Exit 7 players to help.

Linda (Chapman) Collette checked on prices for renting the Polish club which holds about 375 people, or the Portuguese Club that holds about 420 people. Hopefully we can ask for a donation of the club when we decide to host a fundraising event.

Anthony Curto suggested doing a sports raffle getting tickets donated to Red Sox's-Bruins- Patriots -Celtics and limiting the tickets sold.

Linda (Chapman) Collette suggested using (#) hashtags for events and this will mean creating a Twitter account as well.

Kathy (Hurley) Ouimette and Linda (Chapman) Collette will be attending and representing the 250th Committee at the Ludlow Cares Coalition dance party at the Gremio Lusitano Club on May 6th . Kathy (Hurley) Ouimette and Linda (Chapman) Collette will bring gift certificates to the dance donated by themselves.

The Elks Car show on Tuesday June 21, 2022, at 5pm will be represented by the 250th Semi-Quincentennial. Paul Chrzan has offered to pay the fee. We will have a table with gift cards or baskets to raffle off and literature about the committee and up coming events. Bruce will have a spot on the table for the parade and looking for volunteers. Linda suggested that all Committee members bring one item each for the raffle.

Linda (Collette) Chapman spoke with Peoples Bank, and they would like to work with the committee, maybe a little in 2022-2023-2024. Could help with a media intern to help the committee setup Hashtags- Twitter- TikTok etc.

Kathy (Hurley) Ouimette and Linda (Chapman) Collette met with Trustees from the First Church. They got great info and history of Ludlow. Would like to partner up with the committee possibly for a Cemetery tour. They also provided a list of non-church items they have historically, Sword and Cape form Captain Henry Hubbard, among many items.

The First church will be creating a float for the parade.

Bruce Durand has contacts for all the churches in Town. Elaine (Lewison) Hodgman can help with email addresses for First church.

The Ludlow Cultural Council Summer Contest Series at Veterans/ Gazebo Park, the 250th committee will be sponsored at the June 18, 2022, Billy Egan concert. Will have handouts, Calendar of Events, Sponsorship forms along with swag to sell. All Committee members are asked to attend this event. We will need a tent and a table.

Kathy (Hurley) Ouimette suggested possibly having a fishing derby event. The state stocks the pond and supplies all poles bait and fishing lesson. We may partner up with Wilbraham in the future for this fishing derby as was suggested by the State Park group that puts these events on.

Elaine (Lewison) Hodgman suggested that someone has asked her if the 250th Semi-Quincentennial would be taped and shown on Ludlow Access TV. It was stated that the meetings tend to be long (at this point in time when so much is being discussed) and would need to be cut

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down to keep viewers interested. We may have some meetings recorded in the future if LCTV is available to tape.

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5. Treasures Report

Elaine (Lewison) Hodgman reported that the balance in the account is \$24,743.95. Linda (Chapman) Collette submitted a bill form FT Custom Printing for shirts for the committee, in the amount \$606.00 (Invoice # 2235a)

Elaine (Lewison) Hodgman made a motion to pay the bill to Fam's Custom Design in the amount of \$606.00 Robert Mishol 2nd the motion. *****Motion Passed Unanimously*****

6. Adjourn

Anthony Curto made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm. Bruce Durand 2nd. *****Motion Passed Unanimously*****

Meeting Minutes Respectfully submitted by Anthony T. Curto, Secretary of the Ludlow 250th Semi-Quincentennial Committee

Upcoming Meetings

May 26, 2022, at 5:30 pm Ludlow Hubbard Memorial Library – prepare for the Memorial Day Parade

June 9, 2022, at 5:30pm Ludlow Hubbard Memorial Library – prepare for the 2nd Town Hall Meeting and the Car Show held at the Elks Lodge on Chapin Street on 6/21/22.

June 23, 2022, at 5:50pm Ludlow Hubbard Memorial Library – discuss the feedback from our Town Hall Meeting and prepare to finalize events.