

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

Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2022

Ludlow Hubbard Memorial Library, 5:30pm

**1. Establish of Quorum/ Roll Call**

Linda (Chapman) Collette, Kathy (Hurley) Ouimette, Elaine (Lewison) Hodgman, Bruce Durand, Paul Chrzan, Walter Craven, Joe Lupa\*, Anthony Curto

- Newest Committee member

Guest: Chris Smith, Bill Rooney

**2. Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance**

The meeting was called to order at 5:31pm

**3. Old Business**

Bruce Durand made a motion to accept the minutes of the meetings from May 12, 2022, with corrections Elaine (Lewison) Hodgman 2<sup>nd</sup>..... MOTION PASSED.....

Paul Chrzan and Walter Craven Abstained as they were not at the May 12, meeting

**Memorial Day Parade**

Bruce Durand and Regina Stanek will be Marshalls for the Parade, Regina is a Member of the Parade Volunteer Group. Bruce Durand will be lining up the parade stationed on Windsor St. The 250<sup>th</sup> Semi- Quincentennial committee will be behind the Ludlow High School Band. The Parade will step off at 10am. Linda (Chapman) Collette and Kathy (Hurley) Ouimette will be providing buckets for the committee members to hold the candy that the committee members will be handing out. The Banner will be caried by Walter Cravens daughter Rayna and a friend. Raising the flag will be at 9:45am at the Veterans Memorial across from the Lusitano Club. The parade should arrive at Gazebo Memorial Park for 11:15am. Keith Ouellette will not be carrying committee members on the wagon he will have only Veterans on it. The 250<sup>th</sup> committee members who can not walk the parade route will be driven in a Classic Bentley driven and donated by Joe Perrira. The extra candy will be stored in the car with the riders refilling the buckets of candy the committee members are handing out

**4. New Business**

**Cruise Night at Elks Club June 21, 2021**

Paul Chrzan has paid the fee for the 250<sup>th</sup> Semi-Quincentennial to be the sponsor for this night. Linda (Chapman) Collette has all committee members to either donate or get a donation of \$50 gift card for the Raffle prizes. The Elks will hold a 50/50 raffle. The committee will sell raffle

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tickets from 5:15pm until 7pm, then Paul Chrzan will draw the winners. The winner will have 1<sup>st</sup> choice of which ever prize they want and so on. The 250<sup>th</sup> Semi Quincentennial Committee can park on the hill by the Elks bldg.

### **Fundraising**

Paul Chrzan has set up meetings for Linda (Collette) Chapman to meet with some of the sponsors he uses for the Veterans and other groups he is on. A comedy night is being held at the Lusitano Club to support The VFW tables of \$10/ tickets 10 seats at a table, the date is June 3, 2022.

### **Golf Tournament**

Paul will be meeting with the golf commission to set up a tournament for 2023 & 2024. Would probably look for dates in September at both Westover and Ludlow Country Club.

### **Dine Out Nights**

Tony Tavares of Villa Rose would be willing to let us do a dine out night on a Wednesday night. It would be open dining for a cause. Could possibly make \$300/\$400. It was also suggested that we could possibly ask Texas Roadhouse in Springfield and Hadley if we could do a dine out for a cause for a month at their locations could make 10% of the take. Could also look into doing a dine out night at UNO's pizza we would hand out physical coupons and diners would present them with their meals, and we would get 20%

### **Bingo Nights**

Bingo is no longer at the Elks club. The Polish club does do bingo night on Wednesday but that is usually controlled by the Mass Lottery commission. The Polish club hall could be used for a dinner dance or comedy night or etc. we would rent the hall for \$700 and then the Polish Club would donate \$700 back to the committee.

### **Town Hall Meeting**

The town hall meeting will be held on June 13, 2022, at Ludlow High School Auditorium at 6pm. They will be presentations by Patrick McGowan showing more slides from Ludlow passed. Bruce Durand speaks about the parade in 2024 and show some slides of past parade. The Guest Speaker for the Night will be Bill Rooney lifelong resident of Ludlow and Ludlow's only District Court Judge. Bill Rooney is also only the 2<sup>nd</sup> father and son combination who have sat on the Ludlow Selectman's Board, the other was John Randall. Some of the talking points he plans on touching will be growing up in Ludlow thru the 60s and 70s. The Register which his family was apart of since 1948. He wants to talk about some of the people he knew growing up and some of their experiences like working in the tobacco fields. They would pick up the bus to go to these fields at Ludlow Drug. The cost of a house which was bought in 1963 on Bristol St. from the mills was \$6000. Kindergarten at the Ludlow Boys and Girls club on Chestnut St. He also is hoping to talk to Irene Saloio about being Miss Bicentennial in Ludlow in 1974. Along with Fred Perrira a Ludlow resident who was a professional soccer player. He also plans on asking some Ludlow Trivia questions to get the audience to participate. **How many Princess Parlors were there?** The assignments for the committee members were handed out on paper by Kathy (Hurley) Ouimette

and were gone over. Joe Lupa is willing to help with the Facebook polls and other multimedia for the committee, he is very tech smart and savvy.

### **Birthday Cake**

The boys and Girls club has a birthday cake they would let the committee use. It needs to be dismantled and stored. Linda (Chapman) Collette would like to add another layer. Kenny Batista from the DPW will look at it to see what shape it is in and see if he has a place to store this. We would use this in 2024 to display and celebrate Ludlow's Birthday. Would like to use the space between Ludlow's Town Hall and SGT. DeForge St. Could use solar lights for candles and would need to be painted and clear coat. There is still plenty of time to decide on this project.

### **Fireworks**

Linda (Chapman) Collette and Kathy (Hurley) Ouimette met with Atlas Fireworks, Matt Shea he is 2<sup>nd</sup> in command. The met at the Nick Silvia field along with the Ludlow Fire Dept. representatives to discuss if the field was a good area to set up the Firework show. Mr. Shea thought it could work but would like to have 3 sumac trees removed. The location would be good for 300ft to 400ft high fireworks. The Cost is roughly \$9500 for 15/20 minutes or \$12,500 for 30 minutes. Would have to go out to bid if it is over \$10,000 or they would have to be on the State Contractors list.

### **Miscellaneous**

- \*Fishing derby was brought up which is all done by the state they stock the pond have fishing poles and even teach people how to fish
- \*Could use Exit 7 players to do Historical reenactments or a Mystery dinner or a night in one of Ludlow's Graveyards.
- \*Board of Selectman would like to see events during the 250<sup>th</sup> Semi- Quincentennial celebration done in the downtown area. Could bring business to local stores
- \*Collective Art pieces could use feathers of roosters as it involves all the ethnics in town and brings soul to the events
- \* Chris Smith has volunteered to take photos at any of the events he attends and has old photos from his mother-in-law. Mrs. Haney from the West. St. area in town. He is also thinking about submitting a letter to the selectmen asking to join the 250<sup>th</sup> Semi-Quincentennial committee
- \*Ideas brought up: Sugar on Snow- Snow Sculptures- Ice Sculptures- Snow Man building contest
- \* Fireman's Muster: Competition for firefighters on teams. Elaine (Lewison) Hodgman will investigate this to see if there are teams in our area and cost and what specifically their needs are.
- \* Festa will be held September 1, 2022, thru September 5, 2022, Linda (Collette) Chapman would like to have a presence there will need a canopy and sponsor forms along with merchandise to sell.
- \* September 24, 2022 & September 25,2022, the Ludlow Community Council will be holding a fair at Veterans Gazebo Park. The 250<sup>th</sup> Semi-Quincentennial has been invited to have a table for volunteer forms sponsorship forms and Merchandise. Space is 12x12 will need canopies, cannot use stakes will need sandbags to hold the poles down

**5. Treasures Report**

Elaine (Lewison) Hodgman reported that there is \$24, 137.95 in the bank account. The Committee Shirts Bill was mailed out by the Town of Ludlow Accountant Kim Collins

**6. Adjourn**

Anthony Curto made motion to adjourn Bruce Durand 2<sup>nd</sup> motion.

\*\*\*\*\* Motion Passed Unanimously\*\*\*\*\*

Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm

**Upcoming Meeting and Events**

June 9, 2022, Meeting Hubbard Memorial Library at 5:30 om

June 13, 2022, Town Hall Meeting Ludlow High School Auditorium at 6pm

June 21, 2022, Elks Car Show Ludlow Elks 4:45pm

June 23, 2022, Meeting Hubbard Memorial Library at 5:30pom

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Respectfully submitted by Antony T. Curto Secretary for 250<sup>th</sup> Semi-Quincentennial Committee