

Ludlow 250th Semi-Quincentennial Committee Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2023, at 6:00pm

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Attendees: Linda (Chapman) Collette, Bruce Durand, Regina Stanek, Elaine (Lewison) Hodgman, Kathy (Hurley) Ouimette, Denise (Hurley) Zrakas, Bob Mishol, Anthony Curto

Guest: Dave Sady

Pledge of Allegiance/ Roll Call at 6pm

Motion made by Anthony Curto to approve the meeting minutes from February 23, 2023, 2nd by Bruce Durand. *****MOTION PASSED*****

Unfinished Business

- Online Payment- Is working, Venmo. Name is Friends of Ludlow Two Hundred Fifty Celebration account #1901
- Selling Items on Line-is it worth selling products on line, shipping cost would need to be included in price of items. Inventory and mailing would need a volunteer. We could possibly use flat rate shipping boxes. This has been tabled for a discussion later.
- Social media- While Walter Craven set up the Gmail account, he has not been monitoring it. Linda(Chapman) Collette checked the email and found several emails that were not addressed. A dental place in town would like to become involved with the community. Linda (Chapman) Collette has sent them a sponsor sheet. There were also several emails form a gentleman named Mike, the last 1 had a tone and questioned how this committee could survive if they are not answering emails. Linda (Chapman) Collette contacted Mike, and personally went to visit him to apologize for the lack of communication. Mike volunteered to make 100 buttons with the logo of the committee on them at no cost. Her also stated that the buttons could be made at a cost of 45 cents per button. The committee would like to see if this is possible, and the committee would volunteer to help Mike make them. These buttons could possibly be used as give away or attached to 1st 2nd and 3rd place ribbons for contests.

New Business

- A motion was made by Bruce Durand to remove Walter Craven from the committee, the motion was 2nd by Kathy (Hurley) Ouimette with discussion. The reason this motion was made was the lack of Walter Craven following up on things he volunteered, Social Media page, sponsor sheet on web page, Vinyl logos on the 250th banner along with not attending meetings and when he does attend not voting stating it is a conflict of interest. It was suggested that maybe we should send Walter Craven a letter asking his intentions about the committee. At this point at this point it was brought up how Walter Craven has made no effort to contact the chairperson about not

attending meetings and stating when he was at the meeting bringing a negative attitude along with stating he didn't have time to finish things. It was also brought up that we would need people to take over the social media of the committee. The discussion ended and the motion was moved forward.

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*****MOTION PASSED with a 6-2 Vote*****

Joe Lupa, Regina Stanek and Anthony Curto to work together on the social media for the committee. We will need to get all social media accounts and passwords from Walter Craven and re-register them to the Committee.

Bruce Durand made a motion to send the Ludlow Board of Selectmen, a letter asking them to advertise that we need 3 more volunteers for the 250th committee. Bob Mishol 2nd.

*****MOTION PASSED*****

- Hilarious Hypnotist- This event went well. We learned a lot about events and moving forward. Better tracking of tickets sold. Use 1 main entrance and stamp or use bands on the wrist for people who come in. Have people monitor doors for people coming in and out. Need to have 1 group running events this event was a combination of the 250th and the Friends of the 250th, lots of confusion at times. Sold 4 hats and 1 mug. Denis and Kathy were top ticket sellers.

Bruce Durand made a motion to ask the Friend of the 250th, to run this event again. Possibly looking into a bigger venue. Denise (Hurly) Zrakas 2nd the motion

*****MOTION PASSED*****

- Celebrity Bartenders- This event is at the Polish club in Ludlow and is being put on by the Polish National Credit Union. The event is May 9, 2023, from 5pm – 8pm. The credit union will have pizza, but it is not a meal more like a snack. All tips collected will go to the Friends of the 250.
- Calendar- Bob Mishol, has been working with Mike Tarpley from PIP. This does not look like it will be a fundraiser. Mike could come to a meeting to explain more and answer questions. There was a suggestion to sell them to Insurance companies in town and they could offer them to their customers or possibly get sponsors. This will be discussed at a later meeting.
- Lupa Zoo- No dates are scheduled yet. The zoo can't extend hours until days are longer. July is a good month to have the fundraiser. The committee has chosen the date of July 24, 2023 with a rain date of July 25, 2023. The zoo would stay open and extra 2 hours and offer a \$25 to \$30 admission for a family of 4. The proceeds would go to the 250 Semi- Quincentennial committee.
- Joe Lupa will send the QR Code for the Venmo account to Linda (Chapman) Collette, Kathy (Hurley) Ouimette. He will also send it to Anthony Curto so it can be added to the meeting minutes.
- Bruce Durand suggested putting flyer up around town about the committee and events with the QR Code to help get the info out to the people.

Adjourn- Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Bruce Durand
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Next Meeting is on March 20, 2023, at Ludlow High School

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Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Anthony T. Curto Secretary of the 250th Semi-Quincentennial Celebration Committee