

Ludlow 250<sup>th</sup> Semi-Quincentennial Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2024 @ 5:30pm

Ludlow Town Hall, Selectman's Conference room

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Attendance- Paul Chrzan, Denise (Hurley) Zrakas, Bruce Durand, Linda (Chapman) Collette, Kathy (Hurley) Ouimette, Regina Stanek, Elaine (Lewison) Hodgman, Derek Debarge, Christina Yacono, Anthony Curto

Guests- LeeAnn Hebert, MaryBeth Silvia, Brian Bylicki, Mia Santos, Roz Sousa,

Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance@ 5:30pm

Paul Chrzan-1<sup>st</sup> night and golf tournament

- Received great feedback about the 1<sup>st</sup> night event and how it was a great event for the town.
- He raised the question as to who was doing the Craft fair for the picnic. Wanted to start getting crafters. The Picnic committee will handle that.
- Paul requested to have golf entrants' applications so he could start getting teams to register.
- Paul wants to start gathering hole sponsors. Linda is already contacting the hole sponsors from last year to sponsor again.
- The golf tournament is on May 18, 2024, with a fee of \$125/person or \$500/ team.
- Anthony Curto said that this year's tournament is supposed to be run by a committee. This cannot be a 1 man show like last year. To many issues fell through the cracks. Linda Collette was left running around at the last minute to finalize the preparation for the tournament.
- Linda Collette's name will be added to the entrant application along with her address and the address for the Town hall, which has a mailbox for the 250<sup>th</sup> committee which Linda checks 2 to 3 times a week. This will help in preparing for the tournament.
- Want to know who is playing before the day of the tournament. All money should be turned in before the tournament begins.
- Linda has secured Mercedes Benz of Springfield to sponsor the Hole in 1 contest.

Treasurers Report- Denise Zrakas

- Account is \$101,699.77

- Expected expenses- \$30,173.00.
- No figures for the 1st night event have been processed.

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Chairperson- Linda Collette

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- Sent out 125 letters to business for sponsorship. Hoping to start getting sponsorship forms with donations back soon.
- Brian Bylecki gave the receipt for the coffee table book. \$16,222.50 is due on March 31, 2024.
- A \$1000 was donated to provide American flags to people along the parade route.
- This committee will be applying for \$25,000 from the state.
- This committee is also on the town warrant asking for \$50,000 hoping to get \$25,000.
- We need to start taking orders for the coffee table book. The books will sell for \$32.00 with any business who sells them will keep \$2.00.

1<sup>st</sup> Night- Linda Collette

- Thank you to all who volunteered to help.
- Marshmallow snowmen were a big hit in the kid's craft area.
- Roz Sousa and others did a great job on the game area.
- Had about 70 vendors and organizations in attendance.
- Thank you to the DPW, Linda went to them several times a week prior making changes and they came through every time for our committee. Great Job on cleaning up.
- School Custodians went above and beyond doing a great job.

Incorporation Day

- Thank you, Brian Bylicki and Marty Fanning, for a great night.
- Over 150 people attended and was very well received.
- People asked if Brian would be doing his presentation that was done at the 1st night event, again.
- Thank you to Christina Yacono for the programs, Lisa Nemeth, principal of Ludlow High School, Jake Oliveria, Arron Saunders, the Ludlow High Scholl chorus, the ushers, and LCTV.
- Ludlow High School has no town flag along with other town buildings. This should be investigated along with purchase prices.

- Scrap books from 1974 Ludlow's Bicentennial year, donated by Lillian Bousquet, daughter of Rene Bousquet, the 200<sup>th</sup> Bicentennial Committee Chairperson, were passed around. She will also give us his parade pictures.

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#### Cabin Fever Dinner/Dance- Anthony Curto

- Need final number by Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 6pm. Will call Tony & Pennys that night with final numbers.
- Anthony stated how disappointed he was with the sales by some committee members. Some didn't even buy tickets for this event. They also returned their unsold tickets to other committee members rather than Anthony. Anthony questioned why some people joined the committee 3 years ago and asked if they realized the commitment they made when they became a member. He also asked if members were here for a shirt and to have their picture in the paper. He ended by saying as committee members we signed up to make this year a celebration that the town would remember, and it is time for all committee members to step up and do more. MORE EFFORT NEEDS TO BE DONE BY ALL MEMBERS.

#### Parade Tag Sale- Mary Beth Silva

- The tag sale is planned for April 20, 2024, with a rain date of April 21, 2024.
- It will be held in the Ludlow High School front parking lot. Parking spaces will be sold for vendors to set up in.
- 1 parking space will be sold for \$20.00 or 2 spaces for \$35.00.
- Set up will start at 7:30am and breakdown at 4:30pm.
- The tag sale will open to the public at 9am and close at 3pm.
- No pornographic material will be allowed to be sold.
- Vendors will be responsible for taking all unsold items and trash home with them. NO DUMPING AT LHS.
- All funds will go to the parade committee.

#### Parade- Bruce Durand

- Algeria Dance will not be in Memorial Day parade.
- Turned in budget to Denise for parade.
- 14 musical units, 24 floats, 11 vehicle units, 21 marching units

- Mainly Drafts will have a team of horses and a wagon which can carry 6 people.

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Picnic- Kathy Ouimette/ Denise Zrakas

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- The bands for the picnic will be- Raise Your Hand, Trailer Trash, and Ray of Elvis, Mummers band. Still working on Back in Black
- Entertainment for kids- Tom O'Neil Planet Head, Ed Poplargic balloon and puppet guy.
- Michelle for outside the box gift shop will be handling craft vendors.
- Linda Collette will be working with beer and V-One vodka vendors.

Fundraiser-

- Lou Texeira from the Town Lighthouse reached out to Kathy Ouimette about doing a fundraiser for the 250<sup>th</sup> committee. Anthony will contact Lou and get all the information to present at the next committee meeting.

Adjourn- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:50 pm by Anthony Curto 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy Ouimette\*\*\*\*\* MOTION PASSED\*\*\*\*\*

Next committee Meeting will be March 18, 2024, at Ludlow Town Hall Selectman's Conference room at 5:30pm.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Anthony Curto, Secretary for the 250<sup>th</sup> Semi-Quincentennial Committee.