

Ludlow 250th
Semi-Quincentennial Celebration Committee Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2024, Ludlow, MA 250

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Ludlow Town Hall, Selectman's Conference Room, 5:30 p.m.

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Type of Meeting:
250th

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Celebration Committee

Meeting Facilitators: Linda Collette and Kathy Ouimette

Committee members present: Linda Collette, Kathy Ouimette, Bruce Durand, Elaine Hodgman, Regina

Stanek, Christina Yacono Guest: Leanne Hebert

Meeting opened at 5:45 (late start due to traffic caused by an accident that had Chapin Street back up for miles)

Approval of Minutes from last meetings on hold until next meeting.

Treasurer's Report

- Regina Stanek- To date there is \$18, 149. Still some outstanding bills to be paid to Ric

Tereso band Emotion, and to the Sheriff's dept for banners, also to Linda for reimbursement for signs and misc.

purchases.

Pancake Breakfast recap

- Kathy - This

years breakfast was a huge success. First seating was 150

people/sold tickets, second seating was 138 total sold. Approximately 40 volunteers were fed. 20 children

under 2 years. Selling tickets at PLAYNOW! was very helpful. Ray Vignault, owner, was very kind to so this

for us and over 150 tickets were sold there. Great partnership. We need to send thank you cards to Ray, the

Masons and others who assisted.

Suggested for next year's breakfast: Just sell tickets with no specific time. Serve from 8:30 to 10:30 and let

people come as they may. Also, maybe increase pricing by \$1.00 due to costs.

The raffle was a hit, earning \$760. Approximately 58 items were donated.

Town Tree Lighting recap

- Linda - The 250th

participated in the Annual Town tree Lighting headed up by

the Ludlow Rotary (lead person was Maria Crespo). Our part was to use the tree we purchased 2 years ago. Set

up of the tree and lights was done by Linda and Kevin Collette. They also decorated the lobby area with Clerk

Kim Batista to make the area festive for the visit with Santa.

Our group served fresh popcorn in the Hearing room of town hall to all who came to visit. We also set up the

room with fun crafts and activities for children. This was received very well as it not only gave the children something to do but kept them warm as well while waiting for Santa to arrive.

Last Night

- Linda - We got official permission to use LHS for this event from the principal at LHS this past week, so we can continue to go forward with all planning.

Michelle LaRocque has informed us that she will not be able to assist with the vendors and placement for this

event due to other commitments she now has. Linda will ask Jill Krystofik to help as she has previously

assisted with the non-profit groups for our last 2 big events in June and October.

Additional help will still be

needed with vendors as well as all other tasks.

Christina will create the artwork for yard signs and forward to Linda who will place the order this week to take advantage of a special sale through Dope Marketing at the cost of \$350 vs original price of \$400-450 for 100 signs.

Linda will get banners made by the Sheriff's Dept at the end of the month/early January to be hung approximately one month prior.

Linda will contact the Sheriff's Dept to request the mounted patrol to visit during this event.

Linda has already secured the Roaming Railroad and Pyrotechnics for fireworks.

Linda reached out to Matt's BBQ and DHI Puerto Rican Cuisine to serve at Last Night.

He's worked with us in the past and has served us well.

Other civic groups will also be able to serve food and beverages and applications will be accepted.

Meetings for all will be held in January 2025, all volunteers will be invited and task list made.

End of the 250th

Year Volunteer Recognition Party – to be held on Friday, March 7, 2025

John Diotalevi will assist with the meal.

All volunteers will be invited to attend. Additional guests may attend; however they will be charged, price TBD.

Tony Curto is checking on the DJ that played for us at the Cabin Fever Dance for availability and pricing. He

will ask them for the photo booth with the 250

th logo too.

Motion to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. by Bruce Durand, seconded by Christina Yacono. All in favor, motion moved.

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Next meetings: December 16 and January 6
Respectfully submitted by Linda Collette, Chair

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