

Ludlow, MA 250th

Semi-Quincentennial Celebration Committee Meeting Minutes
of

December 16, 2024

Ludlow Town Hall, Hearing Room 1, 5:30 p.m.

Type of Meeting:

250

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Celebration Committee

Meeting Facilitators: Linda Collette and Kathy Ouimette

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

Yacono Guests: Sue Padgett and Sue Corjay

Meeting opened at 5:32

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

Treasurer's Report

- from Regina Stanek- To date there is \$20,706. 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. Regina will follow up with accounting to see if these bills have got paid. She will also follow up

with the State of Massachusetts to get the remaining \$25K to us.

Pancake Breakfast final recap

- Kathy - This

years breakfast was a huge success. The total profit was \$2,539.

Kudos to all who helped. A big thank you to Kathy for getting the donations too, which made the pancake

breakfast financially successful.

Last Night

- Linda - So far, we've received about 45+ vendor application requests.

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 asked Jill Krystofik to help as she has previously assisted

with the non-profit groups for our last 2 big events in June and October, however she will not be able to attend.

Additional help will still be needed with vendors as well as all other tasks. and this meeting didn't have several

of our committee members. Dave and Regina were out judging the Christmas decorating contest. Bruce

Durand stepped up to offer in any way, and he will assist with the Vendors.

Linda - will place the order for signage the last week of December - first of January.

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

approximately 4-6 weeks prior to the event. The DPW will hang the banners.

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Linda received a letter from the Sheriff's Dept that the request for the mounted patrol to visit during this event has been approved by Nick Cocchi.

Linda has already secured the Roaming Railroad and Pyrotechnics for fireworks and we'll need to send in deposits and or payments soon.

Linda is in the process of organizing meetings after Christmas with LPD and LFD to have a plan for security at the event and work with LFD for the bonfire and pyrotechnicians.

Music- Still looking for commitments from 1-2 bands that have a following to attract more people. They'll play in the auditorium.

Food- Linda had reached out to Matt's BBQ and DHI Puerto Rican Cuisine to serve at Last Night. DHI will participate, Matt's BBQ will not be due to the cold weather. Bruce D will reach out to the Potato vendor to see if they'll come to serve French fries and Tater Tots. Adelei Bernard, teacher at LHS, has committed to serve baked potatoes and potato soup. Faith Community Chapel has committed to making Chili once again. Boy Scouts with Chris Smith will serve hot dogs and hamburgers. John P from Granby has a new food truck and would like to participate at Last Night selling fries and meatball subs, all homemade. Linda reached out to other non-profits to see if they'll serve food items. Lions Club, Elks, Mason's, Knights of Columbus, Scout Pack 180, and Friends of the Ludlow 250th. Elaine will verify with the First Church to ask if they'll participate.

Hubbard Memorial Library will participate doing something fun for kids.

Kid's Corner – Kathy will check on what's available for projects such as a craft with beads. Committee

Members are asked to assist with this task. Crafts to make will include marshmallow snowmen, coloring pages,

and?? Think of a couple more things to make and take, please!

WARE radio will broadcast live in the morning to not only play music, but to advertise the event. They will also

start talking about the event 2 weeks prior. The cost will be about \$900

Linda will request another airtime spot with Mass Appeal. It will most likely be in early to mid-February.

A meeting with all involved, volunteers, food vendors, etc. will and be scheduled for the January 6th

meeting. Please ask around to get more people to attend and attend this meeting.

End of the 250th

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

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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. Invitations will need to be made and sent by early February.

Tony Curto is checking on the DJ that played for us at the Cabin Fever Dance for 2025. He will ask them for the photo booth with 250th

logo too. To date we've not heard back from them. Tony will follow up.

Motion to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. by K, seconded by Kathy Ouimette, seconded by Elaine H. All in favor, motion moved.

Next meeting: January 6

Respectfully submitted by Linda Collette, Chair

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