

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

January 22, 2025, at 5:30pm

Ludlow Town Hall, Selectman's Conference room

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Attendees: Regina Stanek, Elaine, Hodgman, Linda Collette, Bruce Durand, Kathy Ouimette, Christina Yacono, Anthony Curto

Guest: Picnic & Parade volunteer's

5:32pm- Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call

Bruce Durand made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from December 9, 2024. Kathy Ouimette 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION PASSED\*\*\*\*\*

Bruce Durand made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from December 16, 2025. Elaine Hodgman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION PASSED\*\*\*\*\*

Bruce Durand made a motion to accept the minutes from January 6, 2025, meeting Elaine Hodgman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion with discussion. Elaine wanted to make it known to the committee that she did not vote in favor of spending up to \$10,000 on fireworks for Last night. This motion and vote were held on January 6, 2025. Let the record show that there was 1 vote not in favor of spending \$10,000, on Fireworks for last night.

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION PASSED\*\*\*\*\*

Group meeting with Last Night Volunteer's

- Mark Gaudette from Mason's Lodge in Ludlow agreed that Mason's will be helping with the parking at the event. The parking will be the same as last year's 1<sup>st</sup> night event. Handicap parking will be in the 1<sup>st</sup> row from the middle to the tennis courts at Ludlow High School. There will be additional parking for handicap in the last row. They will also have a booth (table) for parents to sign up for the CHIPS program. They will be also trying to get Mason's youth group involved.
- All vendors need to be set up by 10am
- Permission from Tim Brillo, Athletic Director for the high school was given to allow people to watch fireworks from the athletic field bleacher behind Ludlow High School.
- Fire pit -same set up as last year. Jersey barriers and a snow fence around the area, DPW still has some wood from last year to burn. The Ludlow Fire Dept will be monitoring the fire pit.
- The 250<sup>th</sup> celebration will have to pay for the Ludlow Police that are at the event

- Vendors- there are about 60 applicants. The vendors have commented on how happy they are with the help they have received at all the Ludlow 250<sup>th</sup> events.
- There are approximately 10 to 12 non-profit vendors
- Vendors will leave between 4pm and 6pm.
- Food items will include -hotdogs, hamburgers, chili, bake potato, Mac-n-cheese, potato soup, DHI Puerto Rican Food truck, kettle corn, and a food truck with french fries.
- The train will be free and will run until 5pm.
- There will be Klondike derby sleds donated from the Boy Scouts. People will be able to put teams together and race.
- Fireworks will start at 6pm.

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\*\*\*\*\*next Meeting will be February 3, 2025, at 5:30pm in the Selectman's Conference room\*\*\*\*\*

The 250<sup>th</sup> meeting will begin with just the 250<sup>th</sup> committee.

- Treasurers report- Regina stated that there is \$24,527.02 in the account. This does not include the \$25,000 from the town of Ludlow, which should be posted to our account in a few days. Also, we are still working on getting the other \$25,000 from the state.
- Appreciation dinner we are still waiting for a price on the cost of the meals per person from John D. of the Polish American Club
- Kathy submitted a list of a110 people to invite and there maybe a few more added.
- DJ & Photo Booth after a discussion on whether to have a photo booth & DJ for this event a vote was taken. It was a 4-2 vote that there would be no DJ or Photo booth at the event.
- Bruce would like all committees to give out certificates of appreciation to all volunteers.
- Linda is working with people from the town to see about setting up Christmas decorations. DPW would help set up trees and lights.

250<sup>th</sup> Legacy- the committee would like to leave something to the town from the committee. Thoughts are leaving Christmas decorations which would be set up from the intersection of Center St/ Chapin & Chapin / East St. Some of the suggestions are Christmas tree for Town hall along with a Wreath. Garlin lights at both intersections, Christmas tree for the Center/Chapin intersection area, along with a snowman Police officer for the Ludlow Safety complex.

A vote and more discussion are expected to take place at the next committee meeting.

8:15pm a motion to adjourn was made by Bruce Durand and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Hodgman.

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION PASSED\*\*\*\*\*

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