

Ludlow 250th Celebration Committee Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2023

Ludlow High School, Room B 103

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Attendees; Linda (Chapman) Collette, Anthony Curto, Derek DeBarge, Bruce Durand, Elaine (Lewison) Hodgman, Dave Sady, Regina Stanek, Denise Zrakas

Guest- Jimmy Mazz

Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance at 5:30pm.

Jimmy Mazz took it upon himself to do a fundraiser for the 250th committee. He has planned it with his event coordinator. The event coordinator sells tickets, arranges the seating, and will create place cards. He has gone to some local business and asked for participation not a donation. The Ludlow Country Club on October 28, 2023, from 6pm-10pm. each committee member has been asked to try and sell 2 tables of 8. The event will highlight Ludlow Legends in their own mind Joe Pereira, Lisa Carter, and Jimmy Mazz. The event, after paying all participants, could generate \$2000 to \$2500 for the 250th committee.

A motion was made by Anthony to accept the minutes of the meeting from both August 8 & August 21, 2023. 2nd by Denise. *****MOTION PASSED*****

Treasurers Report/ Denise- Festa donations for Fireworks were \$57.00 and \$855.00 for 250th merchandise. The golf tournament has not been finalized.

Golf Tournament- people were happy it moved along. Liked the swag bags. All had a good time. May 2024 Golf tournament would like all to prepay before the day of the tournament. A lot was learned from the 1st and improvements will be made.

Ludlow Cultural Council Event and Celebrate Ludlow- Linda sent around a sign-up sheet asking all to sign up for some time slots.

Ludlow Schools/ Linda & Kathy- Linda spoke with superintendent Tiano he asked for a list of things we need for the Parade. He is on board but would like a detailed list of what would be expected from student volunteers. Would like to see a week of school dedicated to the 250th birthday of Ludlow. Something to do with teacher cooperation. Ludlow Coloring created by Karen Pilon & Maggey Lavoie will be given to the 250th committee to hand out to the elementary school. Roz Sousa is working on a Spark the fireworks program that will allow school children to fill cans in their classroom with loose change to go towards the firework fund. Possible pizza party to the classroom that raises the most money.

Picnic/ Denise- Couple of meetings, not very good attendance. Good accounting of who's on what subcommittee. Need to reach out to groups to get their subcommittee reports coming in with electricity on Thursday before the picnic will work with DPW.

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Harley Davidson Raffle/ Derek-No contact with the dealer this month. Tony Goncalves pointed out that if the committee took possession, they would need to register it and pay taxes. Will contact the owner of the shop to see what the best way is to handle this. Dealing with Old School Harley in Ellington Ct. Looking for a sponsor to pay for tax-title and registration.

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Cabin Fever Dance & Auction/ Tony- There is a snag with the event. Although we have the venue set and will be looking at a couple of caters. The lead singer for Bon Jersey has passed, so we are looking at other bands.

Feedback/Elaine- People are asking what is going on the 1st night. Not sure what to tell them, is there a committee? 1st night has been talked about at several meetings. A reenactment of the signing of the towns charter. Linda is the chair for this event and has had a meeting with volunteers.

Why are the fireworks going to be at the gazebo? It was decided by the Fire Chief and the Pyrotechnics company doing the show that this would be the safest spot and clearest area. Can not use Fish and Game as it is not Town property cannot use schools not feasible.

Advertising/ Linda- The Register has become very good about our events. Marcello at the Register will reach out to Bruce to do an article on the parade.

Liberty Farms- will help with the beautification project. Will donate a Christmas tree that will be placed at the Town hall. They will also donate 2 fresh turkeys to be raffled off by the committee.

Parade/ Bruce- The house decorating is going on. Christina has registered 15 online. Will be doing this for other events. The 250th parade committee will become the Ludlow Memorial Day parade committee as all volunteers agreed to this. The parade has a budget of \$50,000 and a donation of \$250.00. Bands under contract, Aqua String Band \$8500, CT Hurricanes \$4000, Great American Band \$2500, Hallamore Clydesdale \$7000, Hog River Dixie \$1000, Holyoke Caledon \$1000, LHS \$1000, Baird Middle School \$1000, Ludlow Community Band \$500, Melha Shriners \$5500, Polish String \$8500, Woodland String \$8000. The embroidery on the shirts cost \$159.90. Quality beverage needs to contact Budweiser about the Budweiser Clydesdales, classified fee. Memorial Day Parade route has been changed to starting at Ludlow High School on Chapin St take a right on to East St. and proceed to Gazebo Park.

Denise asked the committee to sponsor a veterans coffee hour and a Veterans Luncheon. Bruce made a motion to support the Ludlow Veterans with a coffee hour and a Luncheon. The fees would be paid for form the Friends of the 250th. Derek 2nd the motion.

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

Denise will be the chairperson for this event.

Breakfast with Santa at Ludlow High School December 3, 2023, may have to pay for a custodian. Looking in to having the Mason Lodge do the cooking.

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Looking for committee to donate bags of candy to be handed out at the Trick or Trunk at the Ludlow Boys & Girls Club.

Glass Negatives – Dave Say received glass negatives from Ty Reynolds some the date back to 1901 and show the last rock being put on the dam. Would like to try to get photos made. Linda suggested the library staff could help.

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A friend of Dave Sady makes vinyl stickers and can make them with 250 logo on them for 33 cents apiece. Derek made a motion for the committee to buy 500 stickers. Bruce 2nd the motion.
*****MOTION PASSED*****

Motion made to Adjourn by Derek 2nd by Elaine. ***** MOTION PASSED*****

Next Meeting October 2, 2023, at Town Hall Selectman's Conference room 3rd floor

Minutes respectfully submitted by Anthony T. Curto secretary for the 250th Celebration Committee