

Ludlow, MA 250<sup>th</sup>

Semi-Quincentennial Celebration Committee Meeting Minutes  
of

January 6, 2025

Ludlow Town Hall, Selectman's Conference Room, 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, Paul Chrzan, Derek DeBarge, David Sady

Guests: Volunteers for Last Night

The meeting opened at 5:30 p.m.

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

Treasurer's Report

- from Regina Stanek- To date there is \$22,249.96. Still some outstanding bills to be paid

to Ric Tereso band Emotion, and for Last Night banners and signage, also to Linda for reimbursement for signs

and misc. purchases. We are still waiting for the state to send us \$25K and for the town's \$25K that was

approved at the Town Meeting in May to be deposited into our account. Kathy and Regina are following up.

Last Night

- Linda - So far, we've received about 50+ vendor application requests.

Linda - placed an order for signage this week in the amount of \$399.00 from Dope Marketing.

Linda placed the banner order for Last Night to the Sheriff's Dept. The DPW will hang the banners when they arrive in approximately a week.

Bruce Marshall, WARE, is available to broadcast live and DJ music on Feb. 22

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at a cost of \$1,850.00. We

discussed whether we need this as the cost is a bit higher than we expected. Bruce Durand made a

motion to try to negotiate the cost to not more than \$1,200. Linda will call Bruce Marshall to discuss it. This

motion was seconded by David Sady. All in favor, motion passed.

We are secured for the company Pyrotechnics for fireworks, and we'll need to send in deposits and or payments

soon. They have notified Linda that they have met with local and state Fire Marshall's and have received

approval to launch them from behind LHS. We were also told that they can launch a larger shell display for an

additional cost, for a total of approximately \$7K.

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Bruce Durand made a motion to spend up to \$10K on fireworks since we will be receiving additional funds from the town and State. Christina Yacono seconded. All were in favor, motion passed. Linda, Kathy and Bruce will meet with LPD and LFD Chiefs to have a plan for security at the event and work with LFD for the bonfire and pyrotechnicians on January 14, 2025. The DPW will also be attending.

Music- Linda has secured 2 bands, CCG and Kingdom of Jones. They'll play in the auditorium for a couple of hours each, for \$400.00 for each band.

Food- DHI will participate, Adelei Bernard, teacher at LHS, has committed to serve baked potatoes and potato soup. Faith Community Chapel will make Chili, Boy Scouts with Chris Smith will serve hot dogs and hamburgers. John P from Granby selling French fries and Bafana's. Adelei Bernard at LHS will make baked potatoes and potato soup. Lions Club will sell hot chocolate and coffee. Troop 1774 will sell baked goods, and Several vendors will sell cookies and desserts.

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!

Linda and Christina will be on Channel 22's Mass Appeal in February to talk about Last Night!

The Committee agreed to ask a local chainsaw wood carver to have a demo, as well as hiring characters from Something Royale. Linda will seek out the availability and pricing. Linda will ask Lupa Zoo to attend last Night with some small animals.

John Moll will bring the old meeting house bench and photo backdrop.

Linda is working on creating a PowerPoint presentation of all the pictures from our past events to play on a TV somewhere at Last Night. Please send any pictures you may have to Linda via e-mail.

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Committee will be responsible for paying for LPD overtime for "Last Night".

Kathy will notify Channel 40 and 22 News about our event as well as The Register.

Paul Chrzan gave us an update on upcoming Veteran's events. They are:

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Responders Night at Gremio-Lusitano on January 9th. Our committee will donate some merchandise to their

raffle. Anyone else willing to donate to the raffle is welcome to do so. Please give any items/baskets to Linda and she will bring to this event.

3/15, 90<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary of the Ludlow VFW  
3/28, 3/29, and 3/30 Vietnam Veteran's Anniversary  
4/12, Appreciation dinner for Veterans  
5/30, Golf Tournament at Westover Golf Course the 90<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary

Discussion about the 250<sup>th</sup>

Committee dissolving and moving back to the Celebrate Ludlow Committee. We discussed future events to hold in 2025 and going forward.

Tag Sale scheduled April 26 (rain date of the 27<sup>th</sup>) at Ludlow High School to benefit from the Memorial Day parade.

Kathy will send in the LHS building use form to secure the date. Spaces will be \$25 for single space, \$40 for a double space. Some signage will be made by a local company, Copy Cat in West Springfield. MaryBeth Silva and Alesia B will take the lead in this event.

Motion to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. by Bruce, seconded by Derek. All in favor, motion moved.

End of the 250<sup>th</sup>

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. 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 availability and pricing. He will ask them for the photo booth with 250<sup>th</sup> logo too. To date we've not heard back from them. Tony will follow up.

Next meeting: January 22<sup>nd</sup> at Selectman's Conference Room

Respectfully submitted by Linda Collette, Chairwoman

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