



Celebrate Ludlow Meeting Minutes for March 10, 2026

Meeting held at Ludlow town hall, 6:00 p.m., Selectman's Conference Room

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Committee Members: Linda Collette, Diane Walton, Lisa Martin, Eric Segundo, Melanie Trexlar, Kara Jorge, Derek DeBarge, Christopher Smith, Laurie Smith, Elaine Hodgman

Attendees: Linda Collette, Robert Haryasz, Ron Saloio, Michael Bettencourt

Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance

Acceptance of meeting minutes of February 2, 2026.

Discussion of past committee members receiving a letter from the Select Board about committing to be a member going forward or not. To date, Elaine Hodgman is no longer a member and has sent in a letter of resignation to the Board. Melanie Trexlar no, Kara Jorge DaSilva, no but will assist if she can, Derek DeBarge, no, Eric Segundo, no. Others who didn't reply would be considered off the committee as stated in the letter, and they are Christopher and Laurie Smith, Lisa Martin, and Diane Walton. We thank them for their past contributions to this committee.

We will seek additional volunteers for this Celebrate Ludlow Committee as well as the sub-committees, Light Up Ludlow, Falling Into Fun, and the Memorial Day Parade.

Michael Bettencourt has agreed to assist in creating an article to submit to The Register seeking volunteers, stating what our plans are for 2026 events, etc.

Cleanup Ludlow Day – Saturday, May 2nd, meeting at Veteran's Memorial park/Gazebo area at 9:00 a.m. We'll get together to help clean up the park and other areas in town. All are welcome to volunteer. Bring your friends and family too.

Memorial Day Parade- May 25, 2026 was discussed at length. We will need 6-8 people to assist/volunteer to get the parade going. Registration will be required for all participant groups. Linda has obtained information from past parades from Bruce Durand, Parade Chairman. We will use this format from Bruce. We'll notify past participants via email with the registration form to be sent back to be sent out before the end of March. Linda will assist in this and send emails from the Ludlowma250th@gmail.com account. Linda will request the use of 3-4 golf carts from the Westover Golf Course for use during the parade by committee members in charge of organizing the parade participants.

The committee agreed that we should create a float contest since it is our nations 250th year. The theme will be USA turns 250 and prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place floats. The prize would be a cash prize for their non-profit organization – 1st place, \$100, 2nd place, \$75, and 3rd place, \$50. We discussed having lawn size signs made up so the winners would be able to display on their floats. We will need 3 people to help judge prior to the parade starting.

Falling Into Fun, October 3, 2026 will be chaired by Bob Haryasz and Linda Collette. The application forms for vendors and food vendors is ready, and they will work together to send out to all past vendors by April 1, and then start advertising on social media after that.

So far, the two bands for the event are secured, Manuel Amusements is confirmed, and a couple of food truck vendors as well. Lots to do!

Tag Sale at LHS- we discussed whether or not we would continue having a tag sale at LHS parking lot sometime in June. The date of June 13th was set as a tentative date with June 14th as a rain date. However, we will need to change the date to June 20 and 21st, because the Bike Parade and Rodeo will most likely be held on the 13th of June. The spaces would be rented for \$20 each, or 2 spots for \$35 (as in the past). This is an opportunity to raise approximately \$1,500+ for Celebrate Ludlow.

Food was discussed at the tag sale. If we sold hot dogs, there is no need to have a safe serve person on hand as hot dogs are a fully cooked food item. Serve a hot dog, small bag of chips and a water for \$5.00.

We'd need 3-4 people to run this event and 2-3 people to cook and serve food.

Bike Parade and Rodeo- we will once again partner up with Ludlow Police Department on this event, held at the Riverwalk and end at Sole Syndicate (Iron Duke Brewing). Tentative date is June 13th. Linda and Ron will meet with Sgt. Jhon Weilblad as he will be in charge of this event on the LPD side. Our part will be to register the children, get artwork for the bibs done from the Harris Brook Elementary School students, decorate the Riverwalk, get judges, arrange for ice cream for the kids, obtain prizes for the contest winners, etc. About 6 volunteers are needed for this event.

Fundraising- we need to start seeking donations for our committee to help fund Light Up Ludlow and Falling Into Fun.

Garden Club- we need some volunteers to help spruce up Ludlow's gazebo park area planters, the granite planters on East Street, and the flower pots at Chapin and Center Streets island, and water trough at LPD. The PD is in need of some gardening help. Our DPW can assist with some mulch, but the landscaping needs some TLC.

Friends of Celebrate Ludlow – we'll need to help support their efforts to host a fundraiser sometime this year. More details from them to follow.

Motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Collette