



Celebrate Ludlow Meeting Minutes for August 17, 2026

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

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Committee Members: Linda Collette, Robert Haryasz, Ron Saloio, Michael Bettencourt, Christine Bassett, Joanna Stoeber, Cheryl Lukas

Attendees: Linda Collette, Robert Haryasz, Ron Saloio, Cheryl Lukas, Christine Bassett, Michael Bettencourt, Joanna Stoeber

Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance

Treasurer report: We currently have about \$10,763.00, reimbursement of a few hundred dollars will be paid back to Linda for items purchased for the fall and Christmas events. Items purchased are: tent side walls, tent weights, tablecloths, tent stakes and some Christmas things for the pancake breakfast and Light Up Ludlow.

1. Dine out for a Cause at The Villa Rose on August 5, 2026 – Friends of CL received \$317.37
2. Dine out at The Local (Wilbraham) fundraiser date is going to be September 23, 2026. Cheryl will make us up a flyer so we can post it. We'll all be responsible for advertising this fundraiser event on our social media and with family and friends.
3. Falling Into Fun update – Linda and Bob report that the event planning is going well. They are chasing 5 vendors for their payment. Messages have been sent, if no payment received this coming week, they'll send out a letter notifying that they are no longer able to participate and other vendors will be chosen and notified.
4. Light Up Ludlow update – Linda, Ron, Bob – Linda found some great things to decorate the lawn at town hall and the shed like Santa's den. She has found a great wing back chair, an old sled, and few other things. Linda ordered Crayola crayons (24ct) and little coloring books. Paid for by Friends of the CL and they have all arrived. Donation letters requesting plywood and materials have been sent and or delivered personally at Home Depot in Chicopee and Wilbraham, Lowe's, Rocky's Ace Hardware, and C.A. Smith Lumber requesting some supplies such as plywood, paint, etc. Also, Linda asked Ocean State JobLot for a donation of a gift card.
Banners – Cheryl has a place she's been using to get banners made and will create a new file for banners that are 3'x 8' to use on the town hall lawn.
5. FESTA Parking opportunity- We're working with Ludlow Hockey Assn. (LHA) and sharing the responsibility of working and the profits we'll collect. Both parties agree that the fee to park will be \$2 per person with infants being no charge. Linda will order 2 colored handstamps to be used. Linda spoke with Dave Costa and Scott Ganhao about the bussing logistics. Linda will keep everyone updated as she receives information. The groups will soon make a schedule for volunteers to help with this for Friday, Saturday and Sunday of Festa.
6. We may need to meet again before Festa to get the parking lot details finalized.

Motion to adjourn by Bob H, seconded at 7:36 by Ron Saloio. All in favor, motion passed.