

## **ACTON 250<sup>TH</sup> COMMITTEE**

### **History Subcommittee**

August 31, 2023

Meeting minutes

Attending: Bob Ferrara, Anne Forbes, Pamela Lynn

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The meeting was called to order by chair Pamela Lynn at 10 a.m. in the Acton Memorial Library conference room.

**Minutes of the August 9 meeting** were reviewed, and unanimously approved as revised.

### **Upcoming meeting and event schedule:**

September 6: Acton 250 Committee, 7:00 p.m.  
September 7: planning meeting with Mary Fuhrer  
September 13: History subcommittee 10.00 a.m.  
September 19: Bill McKibben lecture (AML)  
September 21: Bob Allison lecture  
October 12: Amy Cole—tour of Acton center

### **Organizational matters**

Pam has checked with the Town Clerk on the policy regarding various types of meetings and conferences outside of the regular committee meetings: If no quorum will be present, they don't have to be publicly posted. However, if attendance by a quorum is uncertain, she plans to post them proactively. An example is a scheduled conference with a planned or potential speaker, such as the one with Mary Fuhrer coming up on September 7.

### **Review of progress to date of the Acton 250 Committee**

At the August 9 meeting of the 250<sup>th</sup> Committee, Pam gave a report on the History Subcommittee activities, and presented the text of our introductory article for *Action Unlimited*. (The other subcommittee members were absent for all or a portion of that meeting). She explained our expectations that the Publicity Subcommittee will be responsible for setting up the events, coordinating with town staff, Acton TV, etc. Anne will attend the upcoming Publicity Subcommittee meeting on September 1 to further these arrangements and convey our requests. Bob clarified that, although we expect Publicity to do most of the communicating with staff, he still plans to set up the "run of show" for the presentations.

### **First Acton 250 events**

Bob Allison's presentation on Sept. 21 is the lead-off talk for the 250<sup>th</sup>, although the Library will be hosting Bill McKibben on Sept. 19. (They will do their own publicity for that).

Bob F. has also confirmed a walking tour of Acton center with Amy Cole for October 12. It was noted that it will emphasize what was in that part of town in the 1770s.

### **Upcoming events planning**

For future events, Pam plans to explore some possibilities with the Concord Museum. In a conversation with historian Lisa Brooks, an expert on the Abenaki and the native history of northern New England, Lisa recommended that we explore who might give a presentation on Massachusetts tribes. In particular, she suggested Lisa Coombs and Troy Phillips.

Anne will contact Bob Gross to see if he would be willing to give a talk.

**Action Unlimited articles**

In a discussion about the publication process, some concern was raised that a review of article drafts by the full 250<sup>th</sup> committee would cause a delay, given the infrequency of those committee meetings. Pam suggested that we might send the drafts in advance to the committee chair (or possibly to the full committee), asking for a prompt reply to the sender. Still, the process needs to be clarified, with attention to how to meet the projected publication deadlines.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m. Next meeting: September 13.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Forbes