

250 COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2023, 7:00 PM

TOWN HALL, 472 MAIN STREET, ROOM 9

Approved November 27, 2023

Chair Trimble read the remote and virtual preamble and brought the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

Members Present: Stephen Trimble, Dean Charter, Mary Price Maddox, Pamela Lynn, Anne Kadlec, Mike Gowing, , Anne Forbes , Bob Ferrara, Steven Crosby (remote) Bill Klauer, Rebecca Schmidt (AML Staff)

Members Absent: Suzanne Peterman

I. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. RESIDENTS CONCERNS:

There were no resident concerns expressed

B. MINUTES:

Minutes of September 27, 2023 meeting were moved by Gowing, seconded by Kadlec, role was called, Forbes, Schmidt, Lynn abstained, all others voted to approve as written.

II. NEW/SPECIAL BUSINESS:

A. HISTORY SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE:

Lynn updated the committee: Amy Cole will be lead a trial run tour of Acton Center on October 12, at 2:00 PM. Tour ran 2.5 hours, which was considered too long. Content was great. Suggest doing a different tour of the Memorial Library in the future. Tentative plan to do a second tour on Sunday, December 10 from 1:30 to 3:30. Discussion of how to do advance registration so the tour does not get over subscribed. Trimble will check with Town Manager.

Mary Fuhrer will be speaking at 7:00 PM on Monday, November 13 about "Daily life in Colonial Acton". Close coordination with IT and other Town staff for support.

December 16 is the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party and 30 libraries will be sponsoring a virtual talk "Steeped in Secrecy".

AML sponsoring a master potter, Richard Hamlin, who will be doing a hands-on pinch pot workshop using colonial techniques. Registration is limited to 25.

Local Acton company "Boston Harbor Tea" is producing commemorative tea packets.

There have been over 150 views of the Allison lecture.

All Action Unlimited articles will be archived.

AML and LWV are both holding book discussions about The Revolutionary Samuel Adams by Stacy Shiff.

Charter will procure Davis coins to be used as a thank you for speakers who waive their fees.

B. DAVIS PLOW PROJECT:

Charter stated that \$10,000 was available from a CPA appropriation to build a better display for the plow. New display will provide better lighting, security, and informational panels. Crosby, Trimble, and Charter will meet on site in the next week to discuss design ideas

C. MERCHANDISING AND PUBLICITY UPDATE:

The Committee has not met. Still awaiting input from Town Counsel and Economic Development Director

D. NEW ITEMS:

Trimble discussed meeting a historian on Martha's Vinyard who is documenting revolutionary soldier gravesites. Possible program idea. Discussion of local speaker to talk on the revolutionary importance of West Point.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

A. CALENDAR LOOK AHEAD:

Maddox moved to skip the December meeting, seconded by Klauer, role was called, unanimous to skip December meeting.

B. ADJOURN:

Gowing moved to adjourn at 8:15 PM, second by Klauer, role was called, unanimous to adjourn

Documents used:

Acton 250 Committee agenda for October 30, 2023

Draft meeting minutes for October 30, 2023

Respectfully submitted, Dean A. Charter, Clerk

