

ACTON 250TH COMMITTEE

History Subcommittee

August 12, 2024 meeting minutes

Attending: Bob Ferrara, Anne Forbes, Bill Klauer, Pamela Lynn. Absent: Mary Price Maddox

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pamela Lynn at 12:00 p.m. in the Acton Memorial Library second-floor conference room.

Approval of past minutes, correspondence, etc.

Minutes of the July 16 meeting were approved as revised.

Confirmed Acton 250th upcoming schedule:

August 26, 9:30: History Subcommittee meeting
" " , 7:00: Acton 250th Committee meeting
September 11: launch of Isaac Davis Ale at Dirigible Brewing Company
" 13, 10:30: History Subcommittee meeting
" 25 7:00: Mary Fuhrer: talk on Crown Resistance day
" 30, 7:00: Acton 250th Committee meeting
October 1, Memorial Library: "beer fest"--launch of 250th beer

Update on Mary Fuhrer talk, Sept. 25

The promotion for this lecture focusing on Crown Resistance Day is nearly finalized, and will be sent this week to the 250th Publicity Committee, for circulation right after Labor Day.

Bob Gross lecture, October 23

Arrangements for this are all set. Bob's bio. and suggested summary will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Eagle Scout project/Scavenger Hunt: Oct. 1 "beer launch".

Moving along Progress on both of these to be reviewed next time.

Acton 250th committee: preparation for 8/26 meeting.

It was suggested that we request better integration of the ZOOM participants at the committee meetings, and better monitoring of the sound.

For the publicity discussion, Bob will work on some ideas for a poster that will include multiple 250th events, probably to the end of 2024. One idea was to display relevant Acton Library events on the poster, as well.

Scheduling future articles and other programming.

It was agreed to keep focusing on what was happening in 1774. The first piece will be Larry Kerpelman's two articles on the plight of the Loyalists, to be scheduled for publication in *Action Unlimited* in August. Our committee has already reviewed them, and Bob suggested that we offer to send them in ourselves. The next article will be Mary Fuhrer's announcement and general article on Crown Resistance Day, 1774—hopefully right after Labor Day, once we give it a final review. Pam's article on taverns (still to be reviewed) will be next.

250th website review.

The status of the website was briefly discussed, and it was noted that with all the lengthy articles that are now there it is turning into a valuable source of information for the future. It was

suggested that we and the 250th committee look for a way to capture that content, along with the published articles, in some permanent form—possibly as an online scrapbook of some sort.

With that in mind, it was agreed that we should add the first 5/26 event at Jones Tavern and Faulkner House in the “Still Here” series to the website even after the fact. Anne will forward the notice to the Publicity Committee.

Other future planning.

Events. Continuing the discussion last time regarding Black history month, Anne proposed to gather the recent research from several sources on Patriot of Color John Oliver and his family and see about putting together a presentation for February.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m. Next meeting: August 26, 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Forbes