

ACTON 250 COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

THURSDAY, October 8, 2024, 7:00 PM

TOWN HALL, 472 MAIN STREET, ROOM 126 & VIRTUAL

Final

Members Present: Dean Charter, Bill Klauer, Stephen Trimble, Mary Price Maddox, Pamela Lynn, Anne Kadlec, Anne Forbes, Bob Ferrara, Steve Crosby

Members Absent: Suzanne Peterman, Mike Gowing

Others: Bob Davis, Aaryan Arora

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

REGULAR BUSINESS

A. RESIDENTS CONCERNS:

No resident concerns expressed.

B. MINUTES:

The minutes of the August 26, 2024 meeting were approved with one abstain (Lynn) as amended.

I. NEW/SPECIAL BUSINESS:

A. SCOUTING PROJECT UPDATE:

Eagle Scout candidate Aaryan Arora updated the History Subcommittee earlier that day.

- Scavenger Hunt (7 sites): Aaryan met with ~400 5th graders along with six Acton Minutemen to kick off the scavenger hunt. He brought the Committee samples of the map. As noted previously the teachers agreed to monitor the progress of the scavenger hunt. The final check and receipt of the tri-corner hat would be done by Robert Carter in the AML Children's Department. The Committee will provide the stickers (Steve to follow-up). Aaryan noted the cost was less than expected (\$3 per hat from MacKinnon, \$160 for maps.) He received some assistance from the Silver Unicorn and Idylwilde Farms (scouting parents).
- Mary Price expressed how impressed she was with his efforts.

B. HISTORY SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE:

- Bill reported a solid turnout at the Hosmer House featuring a cannon used at Bunker Hill and many students.
- Pam reminded the Committee that the speakers were moving from big picture to local focus continuing with Bob Gross.
- Steve noted that Acton did not receive any funding from the MOTT grant to cover standalone signs for historical locations in town.

C. CPA PROJECT UPDATES: DAVIS PLOW:

- The Town Manager has not announced a schedule for the Plow exhibit, but the Isaac Davis Monument work is in progress and looks great.

D. MERCHANDISING AND PUBLICITY UPDATE:

- The Isaac Davis Brown Ale (IDBA) ale events went very well. Dirigible Brewing is donating an initial \$300 to the town.
- Publicity completed for all September events including the Hosmer House, Faulkner House and Jones Tavern, as well as walks and the upcoming Bob Gross talk. Revolution 250 made a special note of the Hosmer House and added a note about our store.
- Thanks to Bob for website corrections. Latest round was updated, and I have a change ready for the Pinehawk sponsored event to send to John M.

E. NEW ITEMS:

- Bob Davis Discussions; planning around April 19th.
 - Bob Davis attended to inquire on the Acton 250 activities planned for the week leading into April 19th.
 - Minutemen Update: At this time, we know that the traditional reenactment at the bridge on Patriot's Day (Monday) was canceled. The Minutemen have not finalized their activities as they canceled their last meeting to participate in the Colonial Books and Brews event. Steve Crosby will update Bob and the Committee when they determine the schedule. It is likely they will participate in the battles at noon Saturday at the MMNP and the traditional Robbins Ride Sunday 5 – 6 PM (Robbins House to Liberty Tree, with Francis Faulkner reenactment at Faulkner House).
 - The Davis family will be in Acton 4/17. Outside of the Committee, Steve is assisting Bob with an itinerary interfacing with Amy Cole, Bill and Anne for museum availability. The notion of holding another library open house on 4/17 was raised and moved for further discussion at the November meeting.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

CALENDAR LOOK AHEAD: The next meetings will be at 7:00 PM Acton Town Hall:

- i. November 25 room 9
- ii. December check in

Documents used:

- i. Acton 250 Committee Agenda for October 28, 2024
- ii. Draft Minutes October 8, 2024

Bill moved to adjourn at 8:57 PM, second by Pam. Unanimously approved to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted, Stephen Trimble, Chair & Acting Clerk

Additional materials can be found here: <https://acton-ma.gov/763/Acton-250-Committee>

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