

ACTION 250 COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

APPROVED OCTOBER 27, 2025

TOWN HALL, 472 MAIN STREET, ROOM 9 & VIRTUAL

Member Present: Steve Trimble (Chair), Mike Gowing (Vice Chair), Dean Charter (Clerk), Bill Klauer, Pamela Lynn, Anne Kadlec, Sue Peterman, Ann Forbes, Steve Crosby, Bob Ferrara, Olivia Wennerod

Members Absent: Mary Price Maddox

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Resident's Concerns: None
2. Minutes: Gowing moved to accept minutes of 8/11/25 meeting with minor edits, second by Lynn. Clerk called the roll, Unanimous. Minutes approved.

TOPICS

1. **History Subcommittee Updates:** Lynn led discussion. The Acton Historical Alliance is a collaboration of Iron Work Farm, Friends of Pine Hawk, the Acton Historical Society, the Acton Minutemen, and the Acton Memorial Library, with the view in mind of sharing information, recruiting new members of all the organizations, and continuing the work started by the Acton 250 Committee as a "legacy". They have met four times, are working on a consensus mission statement, and will next meet at the Senior Center on October 9 at 9:00 AM.

Next speaker program will be Bob Allison "Beyond the Bridge" on September 30. The plan from the History Subcommittee is to have quarterly speakers (rough timing TBD) until the Committee sunsets in the Fall of 2026. There was also discussion about a major event such as the one last April as our "Swan Song", probably in June. Trimble will investigate funding from Middlesex Savings Bank. This might be at Discovery Museum or AML.

Ferrara advocated for an appropriate speaker for Black History Month, and Lynn pushed back stating that her contacts with the schools led her to believe that most students receive very little education about the Revolution, and we should focus on that instead, since that is our charge. No formal vote was taken but the sense of the meeting was that we should heed Lynn's advice.

The future of the "Amy Cole walks" was discussed. The consensus reached was that Acton 250 would continue sponsorship through the Fall (4 walks), and afterwards Amy could

continue on her own, if she wishes, with possible collaboration with Acton Recreation or Acton Boxboro Community Education.

Possible other speakers and topics were mentioned by the Committee, including: Joel Bohy, John Hagist, Alexander Cain, and discussion of naval sea power. The History Subcommittee will follow up with the contact information developed.

2. **Publicity and Merchandising update:** The draft “Fall Programming 2025” flyer was reviewed and minor edits offered and accepted. Peterman will make changes and the flyer will be sent out to the usual outlets.

Trimble noted that the Acton 250 shot glasses and wine glasses were back in stock. Trimble and Peterman will set up for cash sales at the next speaker

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS AND UPDATES

A letter from the Acton Womens’ Club thanking the committee and offering to explore future collaboration with the 250 Committee.

Next meetings: October 27th
 November 24th

Next Speaker: September 30th, Bob Allison, “Beyond the Bridge”, Faulkner Room

DOCUMENTS USED:

8/11/25 Draft Minutes
9/18/25 Agenda
Fall Programming 2025 flyer

ADJOURN: Gowing moved to adjourn at 8:03 PM, second by Peterman, Clerk called the roll, unanimous

Respectfully submitted

Dean A. Charter, Clerk