

250 COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2023, 7:00 PM
TOWN HALL, 472 MAIN STREET, ROOM 9

Approved 10/30/23

Vice-Chair Gowing read the remote and virtual preamble and brought the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Members Present: Dean Charter, Mary Price Maddox, Pamela Lynn, Anne Kadlec, Mike Gowing, Suzanne Peterman, Anne Forbes (7:15) , Bob Ferrara

Members Absent: Bill Klauer, Steven Crosby, Stephen Trimble

I. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. RESIDENTS CONCERNS:

There were no resident concerns expressed

B. MINUTES:

Minutes of September 6, 2023 meeting were approved as written.

II. NEW/SPECIAL BUSINESS:

A. HISTORY SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE:

Lynn updated the committee: She is attending meetings of the Concord 250 History Committee. Some time spent word smithing an article for Action Unlimited. Archeology month is October, and the Friends of Pine Hawk have a number of events, although none applicable to the Acton 250 events. Amy Cole will be leading a tour of Acton Center on October 12, at 2:00 PM. This is sort of a trial run to gather information for future tours. Discussion about securing Benjamin Carp, author of The Defiance of the Patriots as a future speaker. Mary Fuhrer will be speaking at 7:00 PM on Monday, November 13 about "Daily life in Colonial Acton". December 19 is the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party and 30 libraries will be sponsoring a virtual talk "Steeped in Secrecy". Discussion about when to target students as an audience in future events so that there is sufficient seating for older attendees. 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. Will Twombly provided casework and panels in the AML 1889 wing. Crosby volunteered to help. This project is not time sensitive. No further action taken.

C. MERCHANDISING AND PUBLICITY UPDATE:

The Committee has not met. Still awaiting input from Town Counsel. Satisfaction was expressed with how well the word went out about the Robert Allison presentation. General discussion about leafletting and possible need for A-Frame signs to advertise events. Gowing will expand the draft sign in sheet. Suggestion about a Scavenger Hunt type event for elementary students.

D. NEW ITEMS:

History Subcommittee and others expressed the feeling that presentations by authors of historical fiction should not be included in our events. All presentations should be rigidly fact based. Perhaps the libraries might want to host historical fiction authors.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

A. CALENDAR LOOK AHEAD:

Next meeting is October 30, at 7:00 PM in Room 9, Town Hall

B. ADJOURN:

Ferrara moved to adjourn at 8:14 PM, second by Lynn, unanimous

Respectfully submitted, Dean A. Charter, Clerk