

ACTION 250 COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025

MINUTES APPROVED FEBRUARY 27, 2025

TOWN HALL, 472 MAIN STREET, ROOM 9 & VIRTUAL

Member Present: Steve Trimble (Chair), Mike Gowing (Vice Chair), Dean Charter (Clerk), Pamela Lynn, Anne Kadlec, Ann Forbes, Mary Price Maddox, Bob Ferrara (virtual, left at 7:15)

Members Absent: Steve Crosby, Sue Peterman, Bill Klauer

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM, Trimble read the preamble

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Resident's Concerns: None
2. Minutes: Gowing moved to accept minutes of 12/12/24 meeting, second by Lynn. AYE: Trimble, Forbes, Lynn, Maddox, Abstain: Gowing, Charter. Minutes approved. Consensus to defer 1/9/25 minutes consideration until next meeting.

TOPICS

1. **History Subcommittee Updates:** Lynn led discussion, Boey event the previous night was very successful, providing good detail and scientific analysis. Lynn noted that the "Hive" event was upcoming soon in Concord. History Sub-committee meets on Friday. Suggested the book Smoke and Ashes by Ghosh, which is a history of the opium trade, as this might resonate well with newer residents in Acton. It is being discussed at the AML book group. It was noted that one fifth grader has completed the Scavenger Hunt, more expected in better weather.
2. **Publicity and Merchandising update:** Charter noted that the March 25 Colonial Themed Dinner event at the Senior Center was proceeding. This will be run as all COA dinners run, with reservations through the COA. Early evening dinner, Yankee Pot Roast. Trimble and Charter will obtain a one-day license and a supply of Davis Ale to sell by the can. Still looking for appropriate musician. No special program. Hope to get some Minutemen there "in kit".

Trimble updated group on possible event on April 16 or 17. Middlesex Savings Bank has donated \$2,500 for the event. This will be somewhat similar to the October event at AML, which cannot host this time due to staff issues. Looking at Acton Congregational Church or Discovery Museum as a venue. Discussion followed about rationale, activities, and logistics for the event. Trimble will do more investigation and will send out an email poll next week to determine if there is support for the event.

Trimble updated group on merchandising. Sales are slow but steady. No interest in ordering more merchandise, plenty of stock. Town Manager has said we can do cash sales only, or use MacKinnon website.

Trimble circulated the most recent event flyer.

Trimble updated group on the informational signage. He has been working with donor, suppliers, Town Manager, and Historic District Commission on the project. Looking at a total of 4 large signs located at Horse Trough, 17 Woodbury, and on Issac Davis Trail at Post Office Square and on Bruce Freeman Rail Trail. Also looking at smaller "you are here" signs at each stone trail marker. History Sub-committee to vet wording on signs.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS AND UPDATES

250 ANNUAL REPORT Trimble will circulate draft report for comments to be sent to him. It will be similar in format to last year, and is due February 28. Kadlec asked for detailed financial information.

DOCUMENTS USED:

1/30/25 Agenda
12/12/24 Draft Minutes

ADJOURN: Gowing moved to adjourn ad 8:15 PM, second by Maddox, unanimous (no role call as the only virtual member had left the meeting)

Respectfully submitted

Dean A. Charter, Clerk