

ACTON 250TH COMMITTEE

History Subcommittee

January 17, 2025 meeting minutes

Attending: Bob Ferrara, Anne Forbes, Bill Klauer, Pamela Lynn

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pamela Lynn at 10:38 a.m. in the Acton Memorial Library.

Approval of past minutes

The minutes of the December 13, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved as amended.

Schedule of upcoming Acton 250th and related events.

Pam reported that the 3/25 COA event is off the calendar, at least for now, as it looks like the Council will make this a dinner event, and will prepare their own program.

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| 2025 | January | 29: Joel Bohy: "Dreadful Were the Vestiges of War" |
| | ' | 30: 250 th Committee meeting |
| | " | 31: History Subcommittee meeting |
| | February | 26: Volunteer program: "Acton's Early Black Residents" |
| | March | 6: Meredith Bergman: "A Sculptor Speaks for her Statues" |
| | " | 13: Isaac Davis Brown Ale: Second big release party. Dirigible Brewing Co. |
| | " | 22: Amy Cole: South Acton walking tour |
| | " | 25: Council on Aging breakfast event |
| | " | 31: John Bell: "Spies and Military Intelligence" |
| | April | 5: Amy Cole: South Acton walking tour |
| | " | 17: 250 th celebration(?) |

Debrief of Jan. 9 250th committee meeting.

This was a small, working meeting, with a quorum of six. Having attended on ZOOM, Pam suggested that the seats should be positioned nearer the screen, and that questions should be repeated to make them easier for the online attendees to hear.

It was reported that the Library is now considering holding a September event. The topic might focus on aspects of the war being underway, possibly the acceptance of the Declaration of Independence, or the Loyalists. But in a follow-up, Bob said that the planned April celebration is still moving forward, but at a new location, probably the Acton Congregational Church. The Discovery Museum is another possibility.

Upcoming lectures.

1/29/25: Joel Bohy. "Dreadful Were the Vestiges of War." Plans are all set. Joel hopes to sell his books, and Steve plans to bring the 250th sales items.

2/26: Acton's Black History presentation, now titled "A Snapshot of Acton's Early Black Residents." The "run of show" was reviewed, and a pointer and slide clicker were discussed. It was confirmed that the speaking time will be 7:20 to 8:10.

Next on 3/6 will be Meredith Bergman, sculptor. Her talk is now titled "A Sculptor Speaks for Her Statues."

3/31: John Bell. Potential topics were discussed at the last meeting. Bob will be in touch with him.

Acton Exchange articles.

No update, but Bob plans to attend their planning meeting on 1/19 and will report back. Coverage of 250th events will be discussed.

Other future planning.

Pam suggested that we prepare a 250th quiz for the April celebration event, to which the committee agreed. The main 250th committee will be asked to contribute some questions.

For future presentations, it was agreed to schedule quarterly programs after April 19, some with repeat speakers. Topics might include Acton's role later in the war.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Next meeting: January 31, 10:00., with plans to schedule meetings very two weeks for the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Forbes