

ACTON 250 COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2024, 7:00 PM

TOWN HALL, 472 MAIN STREET, ROOM 9 and VIRTUAL

Approved August 26, 2024

Chair Trimble brought the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Members Present: Stephen Trimble, Dean Charter, Mary Price Maddox, Pamela Lynn (remote), Anne Kadlec, Anne Forbes, Bob Ferrara, Bill Klauer, Suzanne Peterman

Members Absent: Mike Gowing, Steven Crosby, Rebecca Schmidt

I. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. RESIDENTS CONCERNS:

There were no resident concerns expressed

B. MINUTES:

Minutes of May 22, 2024 meeting were moved by Ferrara, seconded by Klauer, roll was called, and voted unanimously to approve as written.

II. NEW/SPECIAL BUSINESS:

A. SCOUTING PROJECT UPDATE:

Eagle Scout candidate Aaryan Arora updated the Committee. He has been working with AB Schools and he will be organizing an event at all 4 elementary schools coinciding with Crown Resistance Day. The Acton Minutemen will participate. He will also be working with members of the 250 Committee to produce a map for the "Site Scavenger Hunt" targeted for 5th graders, who do an American History section. He has been looking at getting Tri/Con hats for the students who complete the Hunt, with possible 250 Committee producing stickers for the hats (and other items). He projects costs to be around \$1,000, and he will do the fundraising.

B. HISTORY SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE:

Ferrara updated the committee: The updated spreadsheet that accompany these minutes captures the details and most of the talking points. Items not noted in the spreadsheet are: the Malcolm Purinton event on 11/12/2024 will be in the library in a room smaller than our usual space in Town Hall. As such, Maddox will not encourage student participation, although they will be welcome. Amy Cole is researching for the South Acton Tour, cost to the Town will be the usual \$200.00. Friends of Pine Hawk will be doing a book event on October 28 regarding the book: Changes in the Land by William Conant.

There was discussion about the awarding of the Davis Coins. Charter stated that the Davis Coins were awarded to persons who have made a significant milestone, such as achieving Eagle rank or the recent award to the lifeguard who saved a drowning child. The original discussion Noted in minutes from October, 2023, was that the coins would be given only for speakers who waive their fees. The coins were a stopgap until a more appropriate recognition be developed. Consensus was that future recognitions would be the gift of two shot glasses and an Acton 250 pin.

C. CPA UPDATES: DAVIS PLOW PROJECT:

Trimble updated the Committee on progress to date. Most of the work on this project has involved Trimble, Charter, Gowing, Crosby, and Peterman. A muralist has been hired, and the Town Manager, as Chief Procurement Officer, has issued the PO and signed the contract. The renderings were displayed on screen. Kadlec challenged the process and asked to see the minutes of any meetings and inquired about the budget. Charter stated that there was no discrete budget for the 250 Committee and all purchases go through the Town Manager. Moreover, the funds for the plow case work were under a CPA Grant controlled by the Town Manager. The Town Manager also controls all the buildings, so we are actually acting in an “advisory” capacity on this project. Details about the initial stages of the project are included in the October, 2023 minutes of the 250 Committee.

D. MERCHANDISING AND PUBLICITY UPDATE:

There will be a roll out event at Dirigible Brewing on the evening of September 11 for the Issac Davis Brown Ale.

Charter and Trimble have been working with staff at AML to develop a program “Colonial Books and Brews” to be held at AML on October 1. There will be a program with the Acton Minutemen, piano recital, Davis Ale pouring, appetizers, a food demonstration, and other events. This is a co-hosting opportunity with AML, who will provide most of the heavy lifting and finances. Ferrara moved to support the event, seconded by Peterman. Roll was called, Ayes: Charter, Trimble, Lynn, Ferrara, Klauer, Forbes, Peterman. Nays: Kadlec Motion passed.

Trimble updated Committee on merchandising. Shot Glasses, Beer Glasses, Wine Glasses, and Coffee Mugs all are selling well. More stock of those items will be ordered. He and Peterman will investigate stickers.

E. NEW ITEMS:

Trimble asked for ideas about an event close to April 19 that the Committee could sponsor. Discussion included a possible pancake breakfast the day of the March. There was talk about ramping up the attendance at the “Alarm Ride” on the eve of April 19th. Charter suggested that he could investigate a “Colonial” themed dinner at the Senior Center close to April 19, with a speaker program about colonial cooking and possibly a beer pour. This

would be on a Tuesday night in keeping with the programming schedule of the COA. Charter to make contact with the Council on Aging Director and the Friends of the Council on Aging and others, and will report back to the Committee.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

a. CALENDAR LOOK AHEAD:

Next meetings will be August 26, September 30, October 28, November 25, all at 7:00 PM in Room 9, Acton Town

Peterman moved to adjourn at 9:05 PM, second by Klauer, role was called, unanimous to adjourn

Documents used:

Acton 250 Committee agenda for July 18, 2024

Draft meeting minutes for May 22, 2024

History Committee event spreadsheet

Rendering of Davis Plow case artwork

Respectfully submitted, Dean A. Charter, Clerk