

ACTON 250TH COMMITTEE

History Subcommittee

July 18, 2025 meeting
MINUTES

Attending: Bob Ferrara, Anne Forbes, Pamela Lynn. Absent: Bill Klauer, Mary Price Maddox.

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

Approval of past minutes

The minutes of the June 27 subcommittee meeting were unanimously approved as amended.

Prep. For upcoming meeting with Bob Allison

Pam and Bob have arranged to meet with Bob Allison next week to discuss the planning for his Sept. 30th talk, and the committee discussed some possible requests for his consideration. The topic is still to be finalized, and it was agreed that the talk should take into consideration our “Beyond the Bridge” focus, now that April 19 has passed. Among the topics he might touch on are the Declaration of Independence, our planned “legacy,” and some of the things covered in the website postings of John L. Bell. They will also point out that there will be a new group of high school students in attendance.

“Legacy List”

Bob F.’s evolving list of the future follow-up suggestions to the Acton 250 efforts (Legacy Items) was reviewed, and several suggestions made about categorizing the items. (Attached). Since Bob Allison is the head of Revolution 250 for Massachusetts, Bob and Pam will request his feedback on our progress so far. Pam will also speak with the Memorial Library Directorial staff about it, especially regarding what the library’s future role may be.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Next subcommittee meetings: August 11, 10 a.m.

Other meetings and events:

July 23: conference with Bob Allison (Pam and Bob)
August 11: 250th Committee meeting, 7 p.m.
Sept. 30: Bob Allison, first fall talk

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Forbes, Clerk