

ACTON 250TH COMMITTEE

History Subcommittee April 25, 2025 meeting MINUTES

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pamela Lynn at 10:03 a.m. in the Acton Memorial Library.

Approval of past minutes, etc.

The minutes of the April 11 subcommittee meeting were unanimously approved as amended.

Also entered into the record was an April update by Pam Lynn to the Memorial Library Trustees about recent 250th subcommittee activities.

Review of April 16 and 18th events

All agreed that the April 16th celebration at the Discovery Museum, which was attended by over 300 people, was a great success, well organized by the committee in charge, and that the venue was a good fit for such a diverse affair. Bob recommended that a similar event be held next year, and that perhaps our speakers should be invited. It is hoped that photos of the event will be gathered for the record, and for use in the future.

The line of march walk on April 18 also drew a large crowd, and the return buses and porta-potties organized by the 250th committee were much appreciated.

Walking tours.

Bob reported that the two upcoming South Acton tours are both fully subscribed. It was suggested that we try to record participants' questions somehow (perhaps on the sign-up sheets), and see how they might be addressed either during the tour or afterward. The next task will be scheduling more tours later in the year.

Post April 19th planning: "Beyond the Bridge".

Building on the ideas for the future proposed at the last meeting, Pam suggested we work on organizing "pop-ups" at various locations, such as stationing a Minute Man at the library to help promote the exhibit there.

Pam also proposed that we prepare an information sheet on Acton's role in the Revolution, and emphasize some things unique to this region, such as the role of the open town meeting.

As for future speakers, and thinking about the immediate aftermath of April 19, Bob will pursue Joel Bohy for another talk, probably in June, that might provide a preview to the battle of Bunker Hill. Katy Turner Getty, who is a specialist in the siege of Boston, will also be contacted, as well as Joe Adelman.

It was reported that a few people have expressed interest in joining the subcommittee. It was noted that they would have to go through the tow n appointment process, which can take considerable time.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. Next meetings: May 8, 10:30 a.m.; full committee, May 29

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Forbes