

**ACTON 250 COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2025**

**APPROVED 12/8/25**

**TOWN HALL, 472 MAIN STREET, ROOM 9 & VIRTUAL**

Member Present: Steve Trimble (Chair), Mike Gowing (Vice Chair), Dean Charter (Clerk), Bill Klauer, Pamela Lynn, Sue Peterman, Ann Forbes, Steve Crosby, Mary Price Maddox, Olivia Wennerod

Members Absent: Bob Ferrara, Anne Kadlec

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

1. Resident's Concerns: None
2. Minutes: Peterman moved to accept minutes of 9/18/25 meeting, second by Maddox. Clerk called the roll, Lynn abstained, all other voted aye. Minutes approved.

**TOPICS**

1. **History Subcommittee Updates:** Lynn led discussion. The Acton Historical Alliance is a collaboration of Iron Work Farm, Friends of Pine Hawk, the Acton Historical Society, the Acton Minutemen, and the Acton Memorial Library, with the view in mind of sharing information, recruiting new members of all the organizations, and continuing the work started by the Acton 250 Committee as a "legacy". They will next meet on Thursday at the Senior Center.

The Acton Memorial Library book group will be reading and discussion 46 Pages, a book about Thomas Paine.

Our scheduled November 10 speaker, William Fowler, who was to speak about British Naval Power in the Revolution has had to cancel. Reschedule seems unlikely

Next speaker program will be Alexander Cain "I screamed with all my might" about the siege of Boston, on January 28. After that, on February 26 John Bell will speak about the cannons on Dorchester Heights.

There are tentative plans for an event on April 17 at Dirigible Brewing, more details to follow. The Robbins Ride will take place on April 18, and the Acton Minutemen will march to Concord on April 19. On June 14 from 2-5 there is a possible event at the Acton Congregational Church co-sponsored by Freedom's Way regarding Declaring Independence, and a sign-up sheet was circulated for "actors" for that event. Emily Sneff, a specialist on the Declaration of Independence will probably be our last speaker on June 25.

There will probably be a “Swan Song” event for the Acton 250 Committee on or about July 1 at the Memorial Library or the Discovery Museum; this will be similar to the previous events at those two venues. Some activities might be outdoors. Trimble will investigate funding from Middlesex Savings Bank. A theme for the event needs to be developed.

The future of the “Amy Cole walks” was discussed. Charter moved that the walks continue under the aegis of the Acton 250 Committee for 2 walks in the Spring, then they will need to transition to another sponsor. Second by Lynn. Clerk called the roll, unanimous.

2. **Publicity and Merchandising update:** No update

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS AND UPDATES**

Next meetings: December 8  
January 5  
February 23  
March 23

Next Speaker: January 28, Alexander Cain, “I screamed with all my might”, Faulkner Room

#### **DOCUMENTS USED:**

9/18/25 Draft Minutes  
10/27/25 Agenda  
Calendar

ADJOURN: Gowing moved to adjourn at 8:40 PM, second by Klauer, Clerk called the roll, unanimous

Respectfully submitted

Dean A. Charter, Clerk