

ACTON 250TH COMMITTEE

History Subcommittee

September 7, 2023

Meeting with historian Mary Fuhrer

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

Guest: Mary Fuhrer

Chair Pamela Lynn opened the meeting at 9:00 in the Blackbird Café, 342 Great Road.

The purpose of this special meeting was to discuss ideas with historian Mary Fuhrer, a longtime Acton resident, for how she might share her expertise about local history in the era of the American Revolution.

The committee outlined the current plans for both lectures and short written articles, and asked Mary for her thoughts on how she might participate. In discussion, tentative plans were made for both a **talk** and at least one **article**.

For one or more talks, ideas Mary will pursue include a **presentation** late in 2023, perhaps on local life on the eve of the Revolution, and a talk related to Acton's "Crown Resistance Day". The latter could focus on the summer of 1774 as a critical time when local residents were approaching a consensus about affairs with the Crown.

Probably for an **article** in late 2024, Mary raised the idea of a piece about both daily and political life in Acton in 1774. She would start with Acton's available town records as a base. She feels this focus would have an appeal to students, and might encourage them to research a particular person of the time. (She can help suggest sources for the research, and will send us some sample "people reports" that other students have done).

Mary agreed to follow up by email with a proposal to the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Forbes