

250 COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2024, 7:00 PM
TOWN HALL, 472 MAIN STREET, ROOM 9
APPROVED 2/26/24

Chair Trimble read the remote and virtual preamble and brought the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

Members Present: Stephen Trimble, Dean Charter, Mary Price Maddox, Pamela Lynn, Mike Gowing, Anne Forbes, Bob Ferrara, Suzanne Peterman, Rebecca Schmidt, Bill Klauer (remote), Steven Crosby (remote)

Members Absent: Anne Kadlec

I. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. RESIDENTS CONCERNS:

There were no resident concerns expressed

B. MINUTES:

Minutes of November 27, 2023 meeting were moved by Gowing, seconded by Peterman, role was called, approved as written.

II. NEW/SPECIAL BUSINESS:

A. HISTORY SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE:

Lynn updated the committee: National Park Service has developed a Thematic Framework for events and educational opportunities. The four themes are: CATALYST, RADICALIZATION, ORGANIZATION, and REBELLION. This framework tracks well with what the Acton 250 History Sub-Committee has been doing. Lynn also provided information from the NPS website.

There will be a meeting of the “Hive” at the Concord Armory on February 17 & 18 that is open to the public and which will deal extensively with re-enactor issues and “kit”.

The next speaker in the 250 series will be Joe Adelman on January 30 in the Faulkner Room discussion his book Revolutionary Networks. Logistics for the event were discussed

A subsequent speaker will be John L. Bell, author of The Road to Concord: How Four Stolen Cannon Ignited the Revolutionary War, this will be on April 2 in the Faulkner Room.

Discussion of recent book: The Odyssey of Phillis Wheatley, by David Waldstreicher, as a possible topic for Black History Month in the future. Various book groups will be reading this book in May and June.

Amy Cole will be lead another tour of Acton Center on April 6 or April 12. There will be a limit of 20 attendees

Possible future event with Mary Fuhrer on September 25 for Crown Resistance Day. Possible repeat event with Robert Allison in October. Subcommittee is trying to get Robert Gross in the schedule as well.

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B. DAVIS PLOW PROJECT:

Crosby, Charter, Peterman, and Trimble will meet on Thursday to advance the design of the Davis Plow display. Gowing noted that he had a period appropriate Oxen Yoke that he would donate to the placed in the display. Suggestion that we contact Freedom's Way organization for a grant request.

C. MERCHANDISING AND PUBLICITY UPDATE:

The Committee has met with John MacKinnon of MacKinnon Printing. A sampling of merchandise is being prepared. Peterman will prepare an order for exclusive polo shirts for the committee, members should contact here with size requests. A banner is being produced with our logo. Charter, Peterman, and Trimble will meet with Peter Daniel from Rapscallion about producing a signature beer or ale with the Acton 250 logo.

D. EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT:

Aaryan Arora, Eagle Scout candidate, spoke to the committee about his interest in having his Eagle project be something involving the 250th. Discussion ensued, suggested that he investigate the possible Scavenger Hunt idea for middle school students. He will follow up.

E. NEW ITEMS:

Charter noted that he was reaching out to the Acton Lions with a request for sponsorship of the speaker series and other events.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

A. CALENDAR LOOK AHEAD:

The only schedule change that needs to be made is for the meeting on May 27, which conflicts with Memorial Day.

B. ADJOURN:

Gowing moved to adjourn at 8:40 PM, second by Maddox, unanimous to adjourn

Materials used:

250 Committee agenda, January 29, 2024

Meeting Minutes, November 27, 2023 Acton 250 Committee

Excerpts from Minuteman National Park website provided by Pam Lynn

Respectfully submitted, Dean A. Charter, Clerk