

Committee to Commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Commencement of the American Revolution. (250 Committee)

Charge approved August 22, 2022

The Acton Select Board does hereby establish a Committee to plan for the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the commencement of the American Revolution. It is anticipated that many of the observances will take place in the late Winter, early Spring of 2025, although the committee may plan later events, such as the July 4, 2026 observances. Events might include, but are not limited to, parades, reenactments, speaker series, and other educational events, and could also include physical reminders, such as plaques, statuary, exhibits, or other items of an enduring nature. The focus shall be on the American Revolution, but could include precursor historical periods, such as pre and post contact Native American history, and early European colonial history and settlement as the committee sees fit. All events must be designed to involve, and must have outreach to reach all residents of Acton. The committee shall develop and administer programs, a budget, and grant applications, and may make a request for funding as part of the Town budget process. The committee shall cooperate and coordinate with local, regional, state, and federal groups, committees and agencies in producing the events.

The Committee shall consist of eleven full members:

- A member of the Select Board
- The Town Manager or designee
- A Member of the Acton Historical Commission
- A Member of the Trustees of the Acton Memorial or West Acton Citizens' Library
- A designated professional educator from the Acton Boxboro Regional School Department
- Six community members with expertise or interest in historical events (such as, but not limited to, the Acton Historical Society, Acton Minutemen, Iron Work Farm, Friends of Pine Hawk, etc.)
- Up to four non-voting Associate members may be appointed

The committee shall meet as needed, with more frequent meetings expected as the events approach. The committee shall have public forums to solicit input, and shall provide periodic updates to the Select Board. The committee shall elect a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Clerk. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the full members presently serving, with associates being counted as part of the quorum to replace absent full members.

The committee shall be dissolved on September 30, 2026, unless continued by a vote of the Select Board.