

ACTON 250TH COMMITTEE

May 15, 1985

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ellen Holway at 7:50 p.m.

Those in attendance were:

Judy Budiansky
Mary Hadley
Edwin Richter
Barbara Parker
Anita Dodson
Brooks Williams
Dorothy Williams
Ann Jones
David Westlake
Tina Britton
Bud Flannery

Ellen Holway
Liz Kintigh
E. Wilson Bursaw
Patti Lombardo
Susan Kranz
Bill Gladski
Ken Gould
Dave Campbell
Bill Klauer
Jackie Floyd
Malcolm MacGregor

Ellen Holway began the meeting by thanking Jean Brzezinski for an excellent job on the 250's April Minutes. She also hoped Jean's Mother-in-law (who was in attendance) would be able to attend some of the planned events during the year. After two amendments were made to April's Minutes (1. "Acton Congregational Church" for Community Chorus June 2 at 8:00 p.m., and 2. Page 3 - Russ Durling.), the Minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer Debbie Alesbury was not in attendance, but had reported a favorable financial situation to Ellen. Debbie was at a child birth class that evening and that situation prompted Ellen to suggest the 250th Committee make a presentation to all Acton babies (and their parents) born in 1985. A Motion was made by Susan Kranz to recognize babies born in 1985 with a certificate signed by Town Manager, 250th Chairman and Selectmen Chairman. A Chairperson is needed for baby honoring, Anita Dodson will look into scrolls and Ellen will get statistics. All were in favor.

Jackie Floyd, representing the new Purity Supreme, was introduced. At that time punch and cookies were donated by Purity Supreme for the 250th Celebration Committee's special reception in honor of the regional school district's 30th anniversary after high school graduation May 31st.

The 250th Ball held on May 11th was an elegant and memorable event. Susan Harrigan and her Committee (Maggie Carney, Kathy Foley, Diane Leventhal, Marsha Northrop, Connie Huber, Joyce Williams) were commended for an excellent job. The Senior Citizens Silver Tea was also an enjoyable event and Janet & Donat Gagne' were thanked for its success. Don Macaulay was thanked for his assistance in parking at both affairs.

The next calendar listings beginning on Friday, June 14th are:

- Friday, June 14: Acton Girl Scout Encampment begins with demonstrations by the Acton Minutemen.
- Saturday, June 15: Acton Heritage Tours and Arts Festival in Acton Center as a celebration for all ages with a Chicken Barbecue, Lancaster Brass Quintet, Groups of Mass. Handbell Ringers, Puppets, Art Exhibits, Musical Performances, Youth Group Intramurals, and more; by Churches, Rotary, Garden Club, Woman's Club, Arts Lottery, Libraries, and others.
- Sunday, June 16: "Acton 250 Hoe-down!" for all ages and abilities by the Acton Square Wheelers at ABRHS lower gym.
- Monday, June 17: Flag Day Ceremonies in elementary schools by Acton Minutemen.
- Friday, June 21
to Sun., 23rd: Annual Lions Club Town Fair at ABRHS playing fields with special events for youth.

Old Business

We will announce the British Holiday Raffle on June 15 at the Acton Heritage Tours and Arts Festival.

The 250th flags should be here in time to be flown on Memorial Day, and the extras will be sold to defray the cost.

New Business

The 1926-57 Class Reunion will be held over the Columbus Day Weekend at the Acton High School with Harry Morse as Chairman. The Veterans' Reunion has been rescheduled for then too.

The Rotary will sponsor the Barbecue for the Festivities of June 15. Other events: Jazz Band on Town Hall steps, H.S. Group on Library steps, Brass Quintet on Meeting House Hill, Piano Soloist at Acton Congregational Church, Classical Ensemble at Acton Woman's Club garden, Dixieland sing-along at Center Store, Puppets, Davis Paintings altogether for the first time at the library, local artist exhibit, surrey rides, memorabilia, and more. Acton Garden Club is providing appropriate floral arrangements, AARP is providing tour guides, and Girl Scouts are providing bike hike booklets, etc.! The Ecumenical Youth under the direction of Bobbie Lankford will hold a field day for grades 7-12 and the handbell concert will be one of the largest ever in our state under the direction of Bill Duvel. The Woman's Club will host the visitor's center.

New members Kaye Herbst, Bud Flannery, Betsy Houghton, and George Roesler are helping with all the above together with Joan Gates and Wanda Null and, of course, Donald Macaulay.

It was mentioned that The Beacon is in a state of flux and not always the most cooperative. It is imperative that Committee events be advertised and publicized early. Bud Flannery made a motion for a Newsletter to be sent to mailing list of 200-250. It was un-animously approved.

Committee Reports

Community Chorus: June 2nd, 8:00 p.m. An Americana Concert at Acton Congregational Church.

Band Concert: June 8th at H.S. Auditorium. Music: 1735-1985.

Girl Scouts: June 14, 15, 16 Encampment. Girl Scout 250th Patch presented.

Square Wheelers: Hoe-down, Sunday, June 16 at lower H.S. gym.

Fireman's Muster: Saturday, July 6th. Antique equipment to be used in league muster. Suggested parade not to exceed 1½ miles.

Raffle Tickets: Liz Kintigh thanked high school students who sold \$333 of tickets.

Veteran's: Veteran's Reunion (Senior Citizens) postponed until October 12, 1985.

Historical Society: Anita Dodson said the Town Quilt needs a frame which will cost \$1200. They have a \$600 grant and need \$600 from 250th. This request will be presented at next 250th Executive Meeting. Another suggestion: Would it be possible to put cannisters in businesses in order to collect funds for quilt frame??

Barbara Parker: A survey of every Acton business was done by Craig Camelio and Nader Salehi (two high school students) and put into the town computer. The Town needed a current listing of Acton businesses.

Minutemen: 18 Units, 200 Marchers, many notable Fife & Drum Corps for Parade.

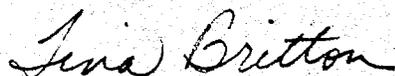
Parade Committee: Next Parade Meeting May 23rd at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. Contact Jack or Rita Dolan for further information regarding Parade.

Help is still needed with tickets and publicity. July needs firming up by Town Boards, Departments and Committees!

Next 250th Meeting will be held September 11th at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall. The next Executive Meeting will be June 26th.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Britton
Jean Brzezinski