

Sudbury 250 Committee

Minutes for Wednesday, July 24, 2024,

Hybrid meeting in the Silva Room at 7:00 PM

(Meeting video can be viewed at www.sudburytv.org)

Members present in-person: Radha Gargeya, Committee Chair; Jan Hardenbergh, Committee Vice-Chair; John Neuhauser

Members present virtually: Josh Gilman, Jim Wiegel

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM

John taking minutes for this meeting

Radha noted the Open Meeting Laws with respect to Hybrid meetings and they the meeting was being recorded.

There was no public comment

Member reports

Radha gave an update of his attending a with the Sudbury Select Board. The Select Board approved ARPA funding of \$25,000 for the Sudbury 250 Committee to use toward events, merchandise, publicity etc. Radha mentioned again that he spoke with Carmine Gentile who filed an amendment to add \$50K funding for Sudbury 250 committee into the FY2025 Massachusetts budget, but did not have an update on the timing of distribution of those finds. As of now the funds are pending.

It was mentioned that the \$25k funding would have to be under contract by December 31, 2024.

There was discussion on applying for CPC funding. The Committee will need to further look into if Sudbury 250 would qualify for CPC funds.

Discussion of events

The Committee reviewed the results of the Flash Survey and the comments submitted with the survey questions. The consensus was that the survey results would guide, but not bind, the Committee in planning Sudbury 250 events.

It was agreed that events should encompass a variety of the types, locations, days of the week, times during the day, for different ages. Events should also include a variety of demographics that have been traditionally underrepresented.

The Committee also discussed an email suggesting that the Committee and events should look at celebrating the last 250 years of America, what has it achieved, invented, produced etc and not solely focusing on 1775-1776. What is America at 250?

There was also discussion about how to engage Sudbury students.

It was decided that the Committee will begin to set a schedule of Sudbury 250 events at the next meeting. In preparation the Committee Chair will send a list of proposed events. Each Committee Member will return a list of their top 5 event ideas to the Chair be they on the list from the Chair or not.

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Sudbury Colonial Faire

The Committees application for space at the 2024 Sudbury Colonial Faire and Muster of Fife and Drum Companies (September 28, 2024 Wayside Inn) was approved. The Sudbury 250 Committee will have a booth space and Jan has since secured a pop up tent for the event. The Sudbury Companies of Minute & Militia decided to waive the \$25 registration fee for Sudbury 250's booth space.

Sudbury: A Pictorial History (book)

The Committee discussed how this would be a nice book to have for sale but the author has the copyright. Jan will follow up and see if the author will release the copyright so that the book may be reprinted.

The Hosmer House

The Committees discussed if, and how, the Homser House could be part of the Sudbury 250 celebrations. This topic will be discussed in more detail at future meetings.

Sudbury 250 Merchandise

No updates since the previous meeting.

Future meeting times

August 7, 2024, 11:00AM

August 28, 2024, 7:00PM

September 12, 2024, 11:00AM (Note: meeting moved from September 11)

September 25, 2024, 11:00AM

Approve Minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes of July 10th and very minor edits were made. Radha asked for a motion to approve the minutes of July 10th, 2024. Motion moved by Hardenbergh, seconded by Wiegel. Voted: unanimous to approve the July 10 minutes.

Radha asked for a motion to adjourn. So moved by Hardenbergh, seconded by Wiegel. Voted: unanimous to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM