



Sudbury 250 Committee

Dear Sudbury:

The Sudbury Select Board established the Sudbury 250 Committee to plan for the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the commencement of the American Revolution. The following is from the mission statement.

It is anticipated that many of the observances will take place in the early spring through late winter of 2025, although the Committee may plan later events, such as the July 4, 2026 observances.

The Committee will:

- 1. evaluate and make recommendations on how the Town should manage the commemoration of this historic event.*
- 2. sponsor activities that commemorate and celebrate the place of Sudbury in the history of our nation.*
- 3. ensure that all events are designed to involve and have outreach to all residents of Sudbury.*

Sudbury 250 Committee wishes to mark the commemorations by including Sudbury's role in the events leading up to the American Revolution and beyond.

In this connection, here is an invitation to the entire community of Sudbury. Please examine the following two ideas for the American story.

1. Consider and reflect upon the events culminating in the April 19, 1775 Minutemen march and the ensuing battles, and the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776 from the then Sudbury perspective and involvement and the prevailing national perspective.
2. What does 250 years of American Independence mean to you, the nation, and the world today? How do you envisage the future 50 or 100 years from now?

These two ideas can be approached through several forms, including but not limited to the following ideas:

- Spoken word
- Drama/Play
- Music
- Dance
- Debate
 - Debate the pros and cons of joining the American Revolution as were argued by Loyalists and Revolutionaries (Patriots)

Suggested duration:

- 5 minutes to 10 minutes
- drama/play or debate could be up to 40?/60? minutes

Deadlines:

- 4/19/2025 for consideration for written word entries
- 8/30/2025 for consideration for performance entries scheduled for Fall 2025 or Spring 2026, culminating in Sudbury 250 Day (May, 2026)

A current list of events is given below. This list will be updated and posted at sudbury.ma.us/sudbury250

Please submit either written entries or audio and video recordings with accompanying explanatory notes to: sudbury250@sudbury.ma.us

Selected entries will be performed at one of the Sudbury 250 events.