

Sudbury 250 Committee

Minutes for Wednesday, December 18, 2024,
Hybrid meeting in the Silva Meeting Room at 7:00 PM
(Meeting video can be viewed at www.sudburytv.org)

Members present:

Silva Meeting Room: Radha Gargeya, Committee Chair; Jan Hardenbergh, Committee Vice-Chair
virtually: Josh Gilman, John Neuhauser, Rachael Robinson, Jim Wiegel.

Roll Call: Gargeya, present; Hardenbergh, present; Neuhauser, present, Gilman, present, Robinson, present, Wiegel, present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02PM.

Radha noted the Open Meeting Laws with respect to hybrid/virtual meetings and the meeting was being recorded.

Jan is taking minutes for this meeting

Opening Remarks by Chair

Radha summarized his quarterly presentation with the Select Board on 12/17. He went over the report and shared the working spreadsheet of events. He said we ask the Sudbury Chamber of Commerce and explore any opportunities for sponsorship. The Select Board encouraged Radha to find out what neighboring towns are doing and to speak with the Commission on Disabilities. They did not think the drone show for \$25K was a priority. Radha promised them he would send an updated spreadsheet. Later the Select Board proposed a placeholder Town Meeting article for supplemental funding.

Radha noted the Memorandum of Understanding between Sudbury 250 and the Town Manager on the use of the ARPA funds.

There was no public comment

Member reports

Jan relayed that the Sudbury Meetinghouse is offering a discount on the use of the Sanctuary for \$250 per presentation.

John had an informal conversation with Ellie Hutchinson regarding cannons for the Steve Glovsky event. She needs to get permits and time. She needs to get the permits. Some discussion of the Freemason Knox cannon event in September or 2024.

Josh reported that the LS History department, and particularly the US history team, felt good about the essay contest.

Rachel talked with Jane Sciacca about the talk in March . Wayland is getting a 250 group together and they would like to work with us because Wayland and Sudbury were one town at that time. Jane also talked to Radha about cooperation between Sudbury and Wayland.

Radha reported that the merchandise was popular at the Sudbury Holiday Village was very popular. He sold out of a few \$220 in cash, some in Venmo and he sent people with credit cards to the Sudbury Historical Society. He estimated that \$300 of merchandise was sold.

Events, scheduling, and estimated costs.

The committee members ranked the proposed events as individuals. Following the sorting of the ranked. The committee then the highest ranking items were discussed. Potential venues were discussed and the possible costs. Radha will investigate the Goodnow Library and the high school.

The Indigenous Perspective presentation was highly rated, but who would make the presentation was unclear. The Native American Cultural Center participates in the Memorial Day parade.

There were two items about Sudbury that were fairly highly rated, but the actual descriptions of the events were lacking. They were: *Presentation: What were lives like in Sudbury in 1776* and *Character sketches of Sudbury residents in 1776*. Jim remarked that Brian Plum's presentation will provide a perspective into the time. John thinks the everyday life would be a great value if it were a very broad view. Radha asked Rachael if there were any way to make a compelling presentation. Rachael said that maybe the Sudbury Savoyards would be interested and that some volunteers might be able to find more information, especially with all of the research into the cemetery. It would be possible to write some skits for some of the people we know about. Maybe the LSRHS drama department might be an option.

After discussion, 11 events were listed as having a high rank.

Radha will update the list of the events and send them again

John observed that the total costs for all of the presentations are in line with our \$25,000 budget.

Community Invitation

The Community Invitation was then reviewed and minor edits were made. Radha asked for a motion to send out the community invitation. Moved by Jan, seconded by John. Voted unanimously on roll call: Neuhauser, Robinson, Gilman, Wiegel, Hardenbergh, and Gargeya - Aye.

Review and possibly approve the open session minutes of 8/28/24, 11/6/24, 12/4/24

The August 28 Minutes were reviewed. Minor edits were made. John moved to improve the minutes from August 28th. Jan seconded. Voted unanimously on roll call: Neuhauser - Aye, Robinson - Aye, Gilman - Aye, Wiegel - Aye, Hardenbergh - Aye, and Gargeya - Aye.

The minutes for November 6th were reviewed. The word subcommittee was replaced with group because a subcommittee is subject to the same OML requirements as the committee. A group with fewer than a quorum can review submissions to the essay contest and make recommendations to the committee. After minor edits, Radha asked for a motion to approve the minutes for November 6th. Jim moved. Jan seconded. Voted unanimously on roll call: Neuhauser - Aye, Robinson - Aye, Gilman - Aye, Wiegel - Aye, Hardenbergh - Aye, and Gargeya - Aye.

The minutes for December 4th were reviewed. Minor updates, including spelling out the names during roll call. Radha asked for a motion to approve the minutes for November 6th. Jan moved. John seconded. Voted unanimously on roll call: Neuhauser - Aye, Robinson - Aye, Gilman - Aye, Wiegel - Aye, Hardenbergh - Aye, and Gargeya - Aye.

Future meeting times:

January 15, 2025, 7PM - virtual

February 5, 2025, 7PM - hybrid

Before adjourning, Jan asked if we should consider looking for other sources for the presentation on Indigenous Perspective. Radha said he may have some contacts.

Jim asked when the first use of the Martha May Chapel would be. Rachael said the March 16th date would be the first. This led to a discussion of dates. Radha brought up the prioritized list of events. After looking through the calendar, dates were added to the presentations: Jane Sciacca 3/16, Deborah Sampson 5/18, Concert Series 6/14/2025, Wayside Inn 11/16, Steve Glovsky 1/25/2026, Ezekiel Howe 2/15/2026, Indigenous Perspective 3/15/2026, Character sketches Sudbury 1776 5/9/2026, George Washington 5/9/2026, When Beer was Water 6/21/2026

Radha will update the spreadsheet and add columns for 'event captain,' location and status.

Radha asked for a motion to adjourn. Jan moved to adjourn the meeting. Jim seconded. Motion unanimously approved: Neuhauser - Aye, Robinson - Aye, Gilman - Aye, Wiegel - Aye, Hardenbergh - Aye, and Gargeya - Aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55PM

Documents used during the meeting:

[Link to Supporting Documents](#)

07_Sudbury 250 Committee Minutes December 4, 2024-draft.docx

06_Sudbury250Committee_Minutes_20240828_draft.docx

05_Sudbury250Committee_Minutes_20241106draft.docx

04_Community_Invitation_250th_Celebrations-3.docx

03_Sudbury250_Event_Cost_Estimates.xlsx

02_Sudbury250_Compiled_List_of_Events.docx