

Sudbury 250 Committee

Minutes for Wednesday, February 5, 2025

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: John Neuhauser, Rachael Robinson, Jim Wiegel, Tim Cobbett.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:03PM.

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

Jan is taking minutes for this meeting

Opening Remarks by Chair

We have a lot to get through. Let's get going.

There was no public comment

Member reports

Rachael related that Dan Scudder is starting a magazine about the Presidents and there is potential for a children's program as part of the Sudbury 250 celebration. See <https://www.presidentsforkids.com>. There is a talk about Arlington was known as Menotomy that would be interesting to us.

John spoke with Judith Kalaora who portrays Deborah Sampson. She is available on the 18th and looks forward to working with us.

Jim relayed the formation of the Wayside Inn. 250. There will be a dinner on April 19th. The fife & drum may play and may play before the dinner in the Martha Mary Chapel. The Henry Knox dinner event on September 21st will include 2-3 cannon. Ellie Hutchison and Jen Toth will provide the cannon. General Bill Rapp, who wrote a book on leadership starting with the battle of April 19th, 1775 will give a talk. There will be a colonial ball at the Wayside Inn this year. On June 14th is the 250th anniversary of U.S. Army. Jim will try to put together an event at the Wayside Inn that night.

Tim: L-S Essay contest is coming up.

Jan: Tony Howes confirmed he will make his Ezekiel Howe presentation next February.

Radha: The Town 250 website now has the events in a table. He contacted the Acton 250 committee. They have a celebration fund from the town, money from Middlesex Savings Bank, an online store, private sponsors and the library trustees. He also talked to Professor Daniel Mandell about an indigenous perspective. It is tentatively scheduled for March 2026. He has published books on subjects such as King Philips War. There is a video of a similar talk he gave in Acton.

Speaking of attendance, Radha noted that the Acton high school gives AP history credits for attending the Acton 250 talks, which boosts attendance.

Events, scheduling and estimated costs.

Radha shared the Sudbury250_Event_Cost_Estimates on the screen. The first order of business was to make the final call for Jane Sciacca at the Martha Mary Chapel on March 16th. She will be bringing a slide deck. Radha will bring the screen from the library.

Different methods for publicity were discussed, including the Town's roadside signs, the Town's website and news broadcast, SHS Eventbrite. Rachael said that there is too much maintenance for SHS to take on the Sudbury 250 events and that Sudbury 250 should create their own Eventbrite account.

April 19th morning events are all set. John said the march will only go to the Concord Town line. For the afternoon, the Wayside Inn dinner is all set, but that the concert is not set. As the fife & drum will be tired, we should try to book the Musicians of the Old Post Road. Rachael will inquire. John said the Colonial Minstrels might be able to play if need be. We do not know the cost of the Musicians of the Old Post Road. The Colonial Minstrels would be \$450.

Confirm the next event. John spoke with Judith Kalaora. She does not need a screen, she will perform on the stage at the Martha Mary Chapel. If there is a huge interest, we could move it to the high school. She charges \$818. She should send an invoice to Sudbury 250 and the Town will pay. Radha will talk to Leila about the details.

Fourth of July parade is still tentative. Rachael and Radha met with the Chamber of Commerce. Still need to determine what sort of float and what sort of music. Tim says that we should not expect to find high school musicians. Tim will reach out to the band director and check.

Ticonderoga Cannon - the Wayside Inn dinner is confirmed. Cannon firing, muskets firing. It might be possible to set up a bar for the public. Is this really a Sudbury 250 event? The cannon firing will be after dusk. The details need to be worked out.

September 27th Colonial Faire is confirmed. We should put up a booth and banner and signage to let attendees know that the Sudbury 250 is sponsoring the event. And we should put out a tip jar.

The Battle of Red Horse Tavern is all set. If we need a police detail it costs more. We could recruit boy scouts to help with parking by offering a musket drill.

November 16, Wayside Inn Presentation by Brian Plum. Need to confirm he is available on that date.

January 26th. Knox Cannon, presentation and cannon firing demonstration. \$1000 for the cannon firing is correct. Steven Glovsky is available.

February Ezekiel Howe is all set with Tony Howes.

The Indigenous Perspective. Is Daniel Mandel the best option? Rachael will ask some contacts. What do we actually want? It is easier to ask someone with specific ideas. We are looking for the experience of indigenous people around the time of the American Revolution, the 1760s and 1770s. The Goodnow library has hired Jasmine to coalesce all the Sudbury related materials. She would be a good candidate. Rachael will ask her.

Defer discussion of 250 day and other events will be addressed.

We need to have more kid centric activities. We need to reach out to the library. Rachael has not reached out to them, yet. Radha work with Rachael will approach the library.

The Select Board wants us to reach out to other committees.

Radha asks that we follow up on some of the fundraising ideas that Acton is using. Jan will approach Middlesex Savings Bank. Could we put a donate now button on our website? How do we recognize our sponsors? Should we create a booklet or program for Sudbury 250 Day? We could have a brochure with different levels of sponsorship. Radha spoke with a retailer who was interested.

Review and possibly approve the open session minutes of 1/15/25 ad 1/30/25

The January 15th Minutes were reviewed. Minor edits were made. During the discussion, we clarified the order of inviting musicians for the upcoming April 19th concert. Jan moved to improve the minutes from January 15th as amended. Tim seconded. Voted unanimously on roll call: Neuhauser - Aye, Robinson - Aye, Cobbett - Aye, Wiegel - Aye, Hardenbergh - Aye, and Gargeya - Aye.

The minutes for January 30th were reviewed. Radha edited the section on the Select Board interactions. Radha asked for a motion to approve the minutes for January 30th. Jan moved. Tim seconded. Voted unanimously on roll call: Neuhauser - Aye, Robinson - Aye, Cobbett - Aye, Wiegel - Aye, Hardenbergh - Aye, and Gargeya - Aye.

Future meeting times:

February 15, 2025, 7PM - virtual

March 13, 2025, 7PM - hybrid

Jan moved to adjourn the meeting. Tim seconded. Motion unanimously approved: Neuhauser - Aye, Robinson - Aye, Cobbett - Aye, Wiegel - Aye, Hardenbergh - Aye, and Gargeya - Aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55PM.