

Sudbury 250 Committee

Minutes for Thursday, August 21, 2025 Fully Remote meeting at 7:00 PM

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

Members present: Remote meeting: Radha Gargeya, Committee Chair; Jan Hardenbergh, Committee Vice-Chair virtually: Tim Cobbett, Jim Wiegel

Roll Call: Gargeya, present; Hardenbergh, present; Wiegel present; Cobbett present

The meeting was called to order at 7:01PM.

Tim is taking minutes for this meeting.

Opening Remarks / General Comments

- Andrea Roessler, the representative from the Sudbury Historical Society, will not be able to join the committee as a full time member but will serve as a liaison from the Sudbury Historical Society.

Public Comment: none

Member Reports:

Tim Cobbett: Nothing to report. He asked if we could make the new Massachusetts 250 license plates a contest award? They cost about \$100

Jim Wiegel: He is setting up the timeframes for the Henry Knox Artillery cannon performance on September 21.

Jan Hardenbergh: He connected with Jasmine Goodspeed but hasn't really confirmed for next March presentation on Indigenous perspectives

Radha Gargeya: How to get publicity? Discussed last meeting and at the select board meeting.

- Select Board ideas:
 - Use Sudbury TV bulletin board between programs. We can create the artwork for various events coming up and submit that.
 - Global Village program - interview style program conducted by a Sudbury resident. In touch with John Neuhauser since he is captaining next two events. He will be available M,W,F - so let's schedule some time so that we can all participate.
 - Sandwich boards at various locations around town.
 - Contact news organizations, local papers, etc.
- Contacted SPD and SFD to meet soon after Labor Day to determine:

- 1. Colonial Faire (sponsored by 250) - do we need EMTs at the faire due to larger expected numbers?
- 2. Discuss "Sudbury Day" in May - also reach out to the Garden Club
- Sharing pictures from the Garden Club that couldn't be shared last meeting due to WiFi issues.

Events, scheduling, estimated costs, finances, and fund-raising

- Spreadsheet listing the current status of T-Shirt sales and reorder requests.
 - Looking at the ordering of more T-Shirts
 - Question: no current reorder for Steins - but should we for the Colonial Faire?
 - May not have them in time
 - Also, new tariffs could change the pricing and slow down the delivery.
 - Need to check the prices (are they current?) and suggestion to order more for a potential price break.
 - Look at the various places where we have the product and check to see if they need more.

Fine Arts events: Let's put the word out to attract more people/groups who can bring their fine arts skills to our events.

Sudbury 250 Day: [List](#) of ideas

- Additional ideas
 - Andrea Roessler - can we confirm the dates? (Radha will do that when he meets with SPD)
 - Program produced for Concord's 250 - being presented all over the country. Done with Middle Schoolers - theatrical musical ~35 min in length.
 - Not high maintenance in terms of location or costumes.
 - Woman (Jenny) running it is 100% on board for bringing it to Sudbury.
 - Need local school kids to participate.
 - Andrea can produce it on behalf of the Historical Society at no financial cost - just be involved in all of the promotional information.
- Additional groups we should contact to help us?
 - Maybe the cultural council?

9/21 Ticonderoga Cannon

- Event has potentially expanded to three cannons - likely moving to the field along Rte 20
- Minute Militia will also be playing
- Dinner at the Inn has been downsized - not sure who or how many will show.
 - Will offer a dinner package to folks who want it. So, no formal dinner to follow.
- Sudbury 250 portion has gotten bigger but the Inn participation has gone down.

9/27 Red Horse Tavern:

- Organized by John Neuhauser - not present but all assumed to be moving along.

Art Contest status:

- 2 submissions so far.
- 9 more days to go, so get word out.

Book: Has been some discussion about printing a book that contains all of the creative material we have produced, essays, contest entries, etc.

- Members please be on the lookout for grants, new fundraising opportunities, etc.

Review of 7/30 minutes

- Some changes were made due to AI version - which provided more or less accurate details but also did not catch a few things or provided its own spin on events.
- AI also did not formalize the various votes taken by the committee.
- Various changes were discussed and agreed upon - all thought the notes looked accurate.
- Motion to approve minutes of 7/30 as amended - Jan moved, Wiegel seconded. No further discussion. Hardenbergh - Aye, Wiegel - Aye, Cobbett - Aye, Gargeya - Aye.
 - Notes from 7/30 accepted as amended.

Doodle Poll for September Meeting.

- Please go to the poll and record your availability.
- This meeting is crucial given the timing of the events coming up in September.
- September 24/25 are considered
 - October 2nd off table due to Yom Kippur
- Due to spam folder issues, Radha will start adding specific email addresses as needed

Motion to adjourn: Moved by Hardenbergh, Seconded by Wiegel. Motion unanimously approved.
Hardenbergh - Aye, Wiegel - Aye, Cobbett - Aye, Gargeya - Aye.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16PM

Documents used during the meeting:

[Link to Supporting documents](#)

1. Agenda for this meeting, 8/21/2025
2. Cost Estimates
3. Sudbury Day Event List