

Sudbury 250 Committee
Thursday March 13, 2025 at 7:00 PM
Hybrid Meeting
Silva Meeting Room, Flynn Building, 278 Old Sudbury Rd, Sudbury, MA 01776
Meeting Minutes

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Present:

Radha Gargeya, Chair (on-site)
Tim Cobbett; John Neuhauser; Rachael Robinson (all remote via Zoom)
Jim Wiegel joined at 7:19 PM (remote via Zoom)

Radha said that this is a hybrid meeting duly authorized and we need to take a roll call.

Call to Order

Roll Call:

Gargeya-present; Cobbett-present; Neuhauser-present; Robinson – present

Radha called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM as the quorum was met.

Radha will record the minutes.

Opening Remarks by Chair

Radha noted that it has been almost a year since the Committee first met on 4/10/2024, and we have had 21 meetings thus far. Radha thanked the members of the Committee for the wonderful planning of various events, and now we have to execute the plan, starting with the inaugural event on 3/16/2025.

Public Comment

None.

Member Reports

John said the ‘When Beer was Water’ presenter is no longer able to present and we need to move on to find another presenter/topic. He also inquired about the Sudbury Police detail for the Colonial Faire and the Battle of the Red Horse Tavern. Radha said he would talk to the Town Manager and determine the process. Radha said that some members of the public wanted to join the 4/19/2025 Minutemen march and wondered about the procedure. John said as long as they are in regular attire and walk a safe distance behind the

Minutemen, they can do so. They can walk up to the Sudbury / Concord line on Dakin Rd. Only Sudbury Minutemen participate in the Concord parade on 4/19/2025 and no one else.

Rachael is working with Jan on the update of the Sudbury 250 brochure for 4/19/2025. She said that this version is focused on events in 1775, and the next revision could be for 1776. There was a discussion about the number of brochures to be printed. As 100 were printed for the first version, and they were all taken, perhaps we could print 150.

Jim Wiegel joined the meeting virtually at 7:19 PM.

Rachael said that SHS (Sudbury Historical Society) is curating all Sudbury 250 materials and merchandise. Jane Sciacca is working on her talk for 3/16/2025. This event is well advertised via SHS emails and the Town website.

Tim inquired about the LS Student essay contest. Radha said he and the Lincoln 250 Planning Committee Chair Kim Bodnar would be joining the Lincoln Sudbury School Committee at their meeting on 3/25/2025 to present the essay contest idea, which could be borrowed from a similar essay by the Town of Concord. Sudbury 250 Committee is planning to give its quarterly update (2025 Quarter 1) to the Sudbury Select Board also on 3/25/2026. He requested Tim Cobbett and Joshua Gilman to attend the meeting as well. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that a good student participation in the essay contest would be aided by a financial award. Radha said that Sudbury and Lincoln would be sharing the costs of the award. Tim said that the original questions proposed by the Committee need to be reworked to be more appropriate for high school, and K-8 students.

Jim said Caitlin O'Connell and Steve Pickford from the Wayside Inn are ready for the 3/16/2025 presentation in terms of access to the Martha Mary Chapel before the event start time of 4 PM. Radha said he spoke with Caitlin and she has been of great help for the 3/16 event and also the 5/18 event of Deborah Sampson and early access to the Martha Mary Chapel.

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

Inaugural Event: 3/16/2025

- **Sudbury History: Before the Revolution by Jane Sciacca**

Radha picked up a projector and a portable 7.5' x 7.5' feet screen for the 3/16 presentation from the Goodnow Library. He also has some USB to HDMI adapters if they are needed.

- **4/19/2026: Music time and group**

Regarding the musical performance for 4/19/2025, there are scheduling conflicts with the Musicians of the Old Post Rd. They could perform at 1 PM and not at 4 PM. John said the

Colonial Minstrels are willing and available to perform on 4/19/2025 at 4 PM, and their fees would be \$750.

Rachael said that the SHS museum would be open on 4/19/2025 in the early hours prior to the Sudbury Minutemen's march.

Jim asked for a write-up for Jane Sciacca's talk on 3/16/2025 and said that such a write-up could be used by the Wayside Inn to promote the talk. Radha said that the poster that is available on the Sudbury 250 Committee website for the 3/16/2025 presentation can be used for this purpose.

- **Update Sudbury 250 brochure for 4/19**

Radha requested Rachael to send the draft to the full Committee. After a review, we can print the brochure.

- **MA250 Grants: Application Deadline 4/11/2025**

Radha said the MA 250 grant deadline is 4/11/2025. We should finalize which events we are asking for the grant at our next meeting.

- **Review some recent offers of presentation and interest**

Peter Abair of Sudbury has a presentation on 7/17/2025 at the Goodnow Library based on his book 'Each Hath a Hand: A Rebellion at Dawn, 1775'. The talk is titled "Eve of the American Revolution, April 1775 - What were they thinking?". He expressed an interest in giving a presentation for the Sudbury 250 Committee also as an official Sudbury 250 event. After some discussion, the Committee agreed he could give the same or a similar presentation and that it could be slotted for 5/17/2026.

- **Event by event status, venue, date and time, presenter, and other specific details**

Radha requested the Committee to publicize the Sudbury 250 events. Rachael suggested the Sudbury Bulletin Board. John said he would send it to the Militia email list.

Radha said that Acton 250 has an arrangement where Acton-Boxborough high school students receive an extra credit if they attend Acton 250 events. Tim said he would present the idea to his History department at LS.

Radha said Concord 250 requested some volunteers for their 4/19/2025 event. As all Sudbury 250 Committee members are busy planning or participating in various events on that day, it may not be feasible for us to volunteer in Concord.

Motion to pay Colonial Minstrels

John moved that the Sudbury 250 Committee pay the Colonial Minstrels \$750 for their planned musical performance on 4/19/2025 at 4 PM at the Martha Mary Chapel. Tim seconded. The motion carried unanimously; Gargeya-aye, Cobbett-aye, Neuhauser-aye, Robinson-aye, Wiegel-aye.

Radha explained the Town procedure that Minstrels submit an invoice and a W-9 form to the Town before the event and the Town would pay them after the event.

Future meeting times

The Committee agreed to meet on 4/10/2025 at 7 PM as a hybrid meeting.

Adjourn

Jim moved that the meeting be adjourned. Tim seconded. The motion carried unanimously; Gargeya-aye, Cobbett-aye, Neuhauser-aye, Robinson-aye, Wiegel-aye.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.