

Sudbury 250 Committee

Minutes for Wednesday, March 26, 2025

Virtual meeting at 7:00 PM

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

Members present:

Virtual Meeting: 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.

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

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

Jan is taking minutes for this meeting

Opening Remarks by Chair

We had our first event, Jane Sciacca at the Martha Mary Chapel. It was well attended and it is on Sudbury TV. It was a great, well researched, and well presented talk. There were 15 minutes of Q&A. The only issue we had because of the large windows in the Martha Mary Chapel, the screen was not quite visible when she presented slides. If we have another presentation like talk, we may want to look at another venue.

Public Comment

Juju Lem Pang, 50 Ridge Hill Rd. She is co-president of the Sudbury Garden Club. She informed the Sudbury 250 Committee that they are installing a permanent garden in Heritage Park to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. They got an America Community grant from National Garden Clubs. If you want to include information in our publicity, please ask. They have started the installation and plan to have a ribbon cutting ceremony in May.

Member reports

Rachael talked to Jane had a little debrief with her afterwards. She was very pleased with how everything had gone.

Jan has been putting a weekly note into the Sudbury Weekly about 250 years ago, as various events have their anniversary, such as General Nixon's 1st training and Ezekiel Howe's return about the state of the militia. There are three more to go before 4/19.

Radha proposed a project of a collection of the material we are producing.

Jim relayed the formation of the Wayside Inn. There will be a dinner on April 19th. The Colonial Minstrels will play in the Martha Mary Chapel at 4PM and at the dinner. Also, there will be an 18th century opera singer who will sing 2 or 3 songs from the 18th century revolutionary period during the concert.

Leila Frank asked Jim, as the chairman of the Memorial Day Committee, if there would be any Sudbury 250 presence on Memorial Day. Jim suggested setting up a table with some information at Grinnell Park.

John for Sudbury 250, the bells will ring at 5:45 AM by Jan, then the speech and the reading of the roll call. Then we head out at 6 AM, march around the triangle and up Concord Road to the Revolutionary War cemetery and fire a salute. They march on from there. There have been a number of emails about marching with the troop. They can tag along as long as they do not get in the way.

In the early morning on April 19th, the Sudbury Historical Society will be open, thank to Elin Neiterman and the coffee provided by SHS and baked goods from by Sudbury Farms.

Tim: Announced the essay contest the LS History Dept. Everybody is on board. He presented the flyer announcing the essay contest. Radha showed the invitation to the general public.

Events, scheduling and estimated costs.

Radha put the updated brochure up on the screen. John had sent in comments and Rachael had incorporated them. The committee made some suggestions. Rachael will make the final edits and send it to the printer.

Next item is the MA 250 grant. The deadline is April 11th. We have a meeting on April 10th. Radha put the grant application on the screen. We need letters from a municipal official, Town Manager Andy Sheehan; a civic leader, President of the Chamber of Commerce; and a tourism leader, a Wayside Inn Trustee. We picked the Colonial Faire as the event for which to ask for grant money. The partners would be Wayside Inn, Sudbury, 250, and Sudbury Historical Society. We assigned sections to the committee members. Each will send a draft for their section by April 4th.

Radha brought up an email from Daniel Mandell, professor and scholar on native Americans in Southern New England as a potential speaker on the indigenous perspective is on March 15th, 2026. Jan mentioned Jasmine, who's working on the indigenous artifacts that the library was going to propose a program for the indigenous perspective. Given the late hour, we deferred a decision.

Radha put the Sudbury 250 quarterly report to the Select Board on the screen. It will be presented on April 1. We went through it. Two additions were made and some the essay awards were reduced to \$300 for Sudbury's share, and Lincoln's share will be \$300. Music for April 19th was reduced from what it would have been with the Musicians of Boston Post Road. The current shortfall is \$700 according to our estimates of future expenses.

Review and possibly approve the open session minutes of 12/18/24

Deferred due to late hour.

Future meeting times:

April 10, 2025, 7PM - hybrid

April 24, 2025, 7PM - virtual

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 9:17PM