

# Sudbury 250 Committee

Minutes for Wednesday, September 12, 2024,  
Hybrid meeting in the Silva Room at 11:00 AM  
(Meeting video can be viewed at [www.sudburytv.org](http://www.sudburytv.org))

Members present in-person:

Radha Gargeya, Committee Chair; Jan Hardenbergh, Committee Vice-Chair; Leila Frank

Members present virtually:

Jim Wiegel, Rachael Robinson

Roll Call:

Gargeya, present; Hardenbergh, present; Robinson, present; Wiegel, present;

Radha noted the Open Meeting Laws with respect to Hybrid meetings and that the meeting was being recorded.

The meeting was called to order at 11:02AM.

Jan is taking minutes for this meeting

## Opening remarks

Radha met Lincoln 250 committee chair Kim Bodnar and the LS superintendent, Dr. Andrew Stevens, Sudbury 250 member and LS teacher, Tim Corbett, LS School Committee Chair, Ravi Simon. Radha shared our working document of events and Kim shared the Lincoln 250 events. They will meet again in November and plan to go before the school committee in January.

There was no public comment.

## Member reports

Jan - only one other volunteer that thought breakfast at 6:30 was a good idea. Let's remove 4/19 breakfast and tour from the list of events. We can add it later, if there's some change

Rachael ordered T-shirts, hats, tote bags, and mugs to sell at the 9/28 Colonial Faire for a total of \$3,433. Some discussion of how much to charge and how much the Sudbury Historical Society (SHS) should get. Voting was deferred until the proper agenda item.

Radha reported that Tim Cobbett will take ideas from the joint meeting to the LS history teachers and then to the rest of the teachers and staff. Two main topics: 1) events of April 19, 1775 and July 4th, 1776; 2) thoughts on the 250 years of independence since. Potentially we would offer scholarships and community service.

## Agenda item 5: Planning Colonial Faire September 28, 2024

We have a tent, table and chairs. It runs from 9:30AM to 4:30PM. Radha will be there the whole time. It was noted that if the Sudbury 250 and SHS of tables were next to each other at the Colonial Faire, that would be beneficial.

We will ask SHS to get a banner printed from AlphaGraphics. Radha & Rachael will work on the banner.

We need to finalize the trifold that Jan put together. The most important thing is the list of events. We will use the list of events at the end of this meeting. We will ask SHS to work with AlphaGraphics to print it.

**Motion** by Jan: Jan and Radha are to finalize the trifold and arrange for it to be printed.  
Second Robinson. Robinson Aye, Gargeya Aye, Hardenbergh, Aye; Jim, Aye.

Continue discussion on merchandise. Leila asks for the invoice and SHS W9

**Motion** by Jan: We order the Banner and 100 trifolds and reimburse SHS \$3433 they have already spent for merchandise, and to reimburse SHS for the banner and trifolds.  
Second Robinson. Robinson Aye, Gargeya Aye, Hardenbergh, Aye; Jim, Aye.

### **Discussion of events**

Radha opened the current list of events on screen and edited for the discussion. The result will be included in the meeting materials for the next meeting.

**April 19, 1775** - delete breakfast and tour.

Musical performance before dinner. The Wayside Inn old ballroom is 65. There is still some question of determining which musical performances we could get at that point. Leave food truck as an option for now.

Strike the drones after dinner. It is expensive. Could we get a sponsors.

### **July 4, 2025**

Sudbury 250 float. Music to go with the float?

### **Colonial Faire, September 27, 2025**

Colonial Faire: Sudbury 250 to offer free admission to residents and pay artisans and re-enactors – \$4500 + \$1000 for artisans? With a donation jar.

### **Battle of Red Horse Tavern, October 25, 2025**

Ask John for date. [ October 25, 2025 ]

### **Knox Cannon Celebration, January 25, 2026**

Cannon comes in, presentation, firing of the cannon

### **Sudbury 250 Day. 2026-04-11 or 2026-05-02 in the Town Center**

### **July 4, 2025**

- Declaration of Independence Reading (after the parade)
- Cannon at Noyes (evening)
- Drones (evening)

### **Presentations:**

We organized them into two lists:

We need to identify contacts for each one. We identified a few.

Discovering the Henry Knox Trail - Steve Glovsky - Rachael will contact Steve.

Colonial Gravestones with a tour of Sudbury Revolutionary Cemetery (SHS event)

Captain Brown and Ensign D'Berniere and map of Sudbury 1776, Presentation by Jan, the Town Historian)

Tony Howes on Ezekiel Howe (Jan to contact Tony)

## New ideas

- Character sketches of Sudbury residents in 1776
- Contributions (music, dance, play, spoken word poetry) from Sudbury residents reflecting on the American story (250 years and growing)

Radha drafted a Community Invitation

[ see meeting materials: Community\_Invitation\_250th\_Celebrations.docx ]

Radha will share the latest document and summarized the report to the Select Board.

## Future meeting times

September 25th, 11AM

October 16th, 7PM

October 30th, 11AM.

Radha asked for a motion to adjourn. So moved by Hardenbergh, seconded by Rachael. Voted: Hardenbergh, aye; Gargeya, aye; Robinson, aye;

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27.

## Documents used during the meeting

### Link to Supporting Materials

1. Meeting Agenda for this meeting, 9/12/2024
2. Sudbury 250 Tri-fold, draft
3. Compiled List of Events
4. Lincoln Sudbury 250 Combined Calendar, draft