

Sudbury 250 Committee

Minutes for Wednesday, November 6, 2024,

Virtual meeting at 7:00 PM

([Meeting video](http://www.sudburytv.org) can be viewed at www.sudburytv.org)

Members present: Radha Gargeya, Committee Chair; Jan Hardenbergh, Committee Vice-Chair, Jim Wiegel, Rachael Robinson, John Neuhauser, Tim Corbett

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:02PM.

Jan is taking minutes for this meeting.

There was no public comment.

Opening remarks by Radha:

"We, across the town and across the country, concluded yet another quadrennial federal and state elections that are peaceful, free and fair. The mission of our committee, the Sudbury 250 Committee, is to not only celebrate the beginnings of the American story - the Revolution and the Independence – but also to celebrate the enduring experiment in democracy for 250 years. Implicit in our celebrations is the unshakeable belief that 50 years from now, and 100 years from now, when Sudbury 300, and Sudbury 350 meet, our children and their children continue to celebrate our enduring democracy – which shall remain a shining city on the hill that lights up not only the US but the rest of the world."

Member reports

Jan: check with sky drone. They expect to be fully booked on July 4th 2026.

John: the Battle of Red Horse Tavern went off. Start planning the April 19th march. All set for Sudbury. He has done what he can do in terms of requesting permission in Concord.

Rachael: selling merchandise, which is going well, sold all the tote bags and the mugs.

Tim: more to report after meeting with Andrew Stevens and members of the L-S History Department.

Jim: Spoke with Steve Pickford about a Henry Knox event at the Wayside Inn in the early fall. This would be unrelated to the January 26th event. More entertainment oriented. Perhaps this would replace the January event. Jim will investigate more.

Radha: Spoke with Town Manager Andy Sheehan and will meet with Chief Nix on Monday to get ideas for staffing. He spoke with the State House, it is possible the \$50K is a closeout supplementary budget. There is also an economic development bill that it may go into.

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

Radha put the list of events on the screen. The resulting document can be seen in the supplementary documents for the 2024-11-20 meeting materials. The early September Henry Knox event was added to the list of events and a question mark next to the January 2026 Henry Knox event.

The date for the Sudbury 250 Day (01776) was set as May 9th, 2026.

Radha would like to get dates for the talks.

The Character Sketches idea was discussed as part of the Sudbury 250 day? Or part of a library display? We need further discussion and discussion with the schools.

Rachel will run the reading list with the Library. She is very open to suggestions.

Radha spoke to the Mass Attorney General about how to handle looking at submission by Sudbury Residents with respect to Open Meeting Law. If we have many submissions, we can have people sign up to look at them. Radha can split up the submissions and assign them to groups of members with less than a quorum. The group can send a short list on to the whole committee. Radha will write a letter to State Senator Jamie Eldridge on behalf of the committee.

Radha suggested we look at the top three questions in the draft of the letter to the community. John suggested we put the live events on Sudbury 250 Day and make that our main event.

Suggestions for ideas for Sudbury 250 Day and reading list should be sent to Radha before the next meeting.

Future Meetings

November 20, 2024 at 7PM - Hybrid meeting.

December 4, 2024 at 7PM - Virtual meeting.

After reviewing the meeting minutes of October 16th and making some corrections, John made: Motion to approve the meeting minutes of October 16th 2024. Jan Seconded. Roll call vote: Gargeya, aye; Hardenbergh, aye; Wiegel, aye; Robinson, aye; Cobbett, aye; Neuhauser, aye.

After reviewing the September minutes and making a few corrections, Radha asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 25, 2024. Jan, so moved. Jim seconded. Roll call: Gargeya, aye; Hardenbergh, aye; Cobbett, aye; Wiegel, aye; Robinson, aye; Neuhauser, aye.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05PM.

Documents used during the meeting

Link to Supporting documents

1. Agenda for this meeting, 11/6/2024
2. Compiled List of Events
3. Event Cost Estimates
4. Community Invitation
5. Minutes of the 9/25/2024 meeting – draft
6. Minutes of the 10/16/2024 meeting - draft