Sudbury 250 Committee

Minutes for Wednesday, January 15, 2025 Virtual meeting at 7:00 PM (Meeting video can be viewed at www.sudburytv.org)

Members present virtually: Radha Gargeya, Committee Chair; Jan Hardenbergh, Committee Vice-Chair, Tim Cobbett, Jim Wiegel, John Neuhauser Roll Call: Gargeya, present; Hardenbergh, present; Cobbett, present; Wiegel, present; Neuhauser, present.

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

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

John is taking minutes for this meeting.

There was no public comment at the meeting opening.

Member reports

Jim, Jan and Tim – nothing to report

John - has sent invitations to living history demonstrators to attend the faire.

Radha – Radha and Rachel met with the Sudbury Chamber of Commerce Board. They discussed Sudbury 250, the Sudbury 250 schedule and inquired about opportunities for grants. Radha and Rachel will meet again with the Sudbury Chamber of Commerce to discuss ways to work together and find sponsorships for Sudbury 250.

Radha met with the Town Select Board on January 14, 2025 to discuss Sudbury 250 events, event costs and the possibility of supplemental funds. The Select Board indicated that any supplemental funds for Sudbury 250 events would need to be passed through a town warrant article and would need to be put forward before the end of January 2025.

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7:20 – Discussion with Peter Abair, Blackmer Rd. on his book "Each Hath A Hand – A Rebellion At Dawn, 1775" and Peter's wish to present a discussion about his research learned in writing his book. The Committee had questions and ultimately agreed that having Peter present would be a beneficial event for Sudbury 250.

Committee decided not invite the George Washington impersonator as it was very expensive to have him come to an event.

Discussion of event schedule:

The Henry Knox event at the Inn has been scheduled for Sept 21, 2025.

7:55 - Rachel Robinson joined the meeting

Discussion of events and venue costs:

The Committee discussed the costs of venue rental space and venue capacity. Committee members will contact various venues (LS, Curtis Middle School, Wayside Inn, First Parish, Goodnow Library, Sudbury Senior Center) to get exact costs as well as costs associated with renting audio visual equipment. Additionally, committee members will find out the exact capacity of venues. Jim will connect with the Wayside Inn to see if they will lower the rental fee of the Martha-Mary Chapel at the Wayside Inn.

Event Captains were assigned for each event. Radha to distribute the list to members.

Rachel will draft a letter "template" that members can use to invite presenters to events.

The Committee discussed potential musicians for Sudbury 250 concert(s). Sudbury Fyfe & Drum, Musicians of the Old Post Road, and Eamon Sefton were all mentioned as possible musicians.

Future meeting times: February 5, 2025, 7PM – hybrid February 27, 2025, 7PM - virtual

Radha asked for a motion to adjourn. Jan made a motion to adjourn. Tim seconded the motion.

It was on motion 6-0. Gargeya-aye, Cobbett-aye, Hardenbergh-aye, Neuhauser-aye, Robinson-aye; Wiegel-aye.

VOTED: To adjourn the Sudbury 250 Committee meeting.

Motion unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13PM