

Sudbury 250 Committee
Wednesday November 20, 2024 at 7:00 PM
Hybrid Meeting Minutes

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Virtual Meeting

Present:

Radha Gargeya, Chair; Jan Hardenbergh, Vice Chair; John Neuhauser,
Rachael Robinson

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

Call to Order

Roll Call:

Gargeya-aye; Hardenbergh-aye; Neuhauser-aye; Robinson-aye

Radha called the meeting to order as the quorum was met.

Radha will record the minutes.

Opening Remarks by Chair

Radha said 4/19 is not too far away and the committee needs to plan for various events and thus he will dispense with his comments.

Public Comment

Doug Haartz, a Sudbury resident, and a member of the Sudbury Chamber of Commerce's Fourth of July parade committee joined and wanted to set up coordination between Sudbury 250 and the parade committee. Radha said he would be the point of contact.

Member Reports

Rachael got confirmation from Steve Glovsky for the Henry Knox cannon presentation on 1/26/2026. Rachael has been compiling a list of books. John's list of books is included in this meeting's supporting documents.

List of Events

Radha said that we are still waiting for an update on the \$50K funding from the legislature, and that The Committee also needs to start fundraising.

Jim Wiegel joined the meeting at 7:15 PM and announced himself.

Radha reported on his meeting with Sudbury Police Chief Nix. He counseled that while the celebratory nature of the events is essential, one needs to consider safety, parking, and convenience perspectives too. For Sudbury 250 day on 5/9/2026, he would like the committee to think through various sites with those perspectives and estimated attendance. He wanted us to get a decent estimate on the number of people who would attend various events so he can offer advice on planning. On 4/19 weekend (Friday through Marathon Monday), Sudbury Police would be assisting various other communities along the Battle Road. John said that there would be police escort for the Minutemen march on 4/19/2025. John said we would probably need police support for the Sudbury Day in May, 2026.

Radha proposed 'event captains' who would take lead in organizing an event and all that goes with it.

Jim said he would be happy to be the event captain for events that take place at Martha Mary Chapel and the Henry Knox event. John said he would take the Sudbury Faire and the Red Horse Tavern events. Rachael would take all SHS (Sudbury Historical Society) events and the reading list. Jan would take the January 2026 presentation on the Henry Knox cannon. Radha would coordinate with the Town, Police, Chamber of Commerce, and schools.

The committee agreed that there will be two Cannon events – one in September 2025, when the weather is warmer, a demonstration event, and one in January 2026 (on 1/25/2026 Sunday, and not on 1/26/2026), a talk and a presentation.

The committee then proceeded to discuss finalizing the dates and venues and formulating the events.

Rachael talked about updating the signage in the Revolutionary War Cemetery (a bit of a misnomer as it was previously known as the Ye Olde Burial Ground) by April, 2025.

John would take the lead on organizing the Deborah Sampson (by Judy Kalaora) event. Sudbury Minutemen organized that event a few years ago and it was well received.

The Committee discussed methods to estimate the attendance at various events.

The Committee agreed to make the events on third Sundays from 4 PM to 5:30 PM.

John also volunteered to take the lead on the George Washington event (by John Koopman).

There was a good discussion about Native American perspective and presentation to the community, preferably based on local history and participation in the Revolution, and reaching out to various Indigenous groups.

There was discussion about the book list – one put together by John and categorizing them by audience. The consensus was for the committee to produce the book list and present it to the library for their review.

The Committee discussed the range of activities and possible venues for the Sudbury 250 Day in May, 2026 based on a list prepared by John.

Radha presented the community invitation for essays and performances.

Meeting Minutes

There were no minutes to review at this meeting.

Future Meeting Times

Scheduled at this meeting:

Wednesday 12/18/2024 at 7 PM, in-person and hybrid

Adjourn

Jan motioned to adjourn the meeting. John seconded the motion.

It was on motion 5-0. Cobbett-aye, Gargeya-aye, Hardenbergh-aye, Neuhauser-aye, Robinson-aye, Wiegel-aye.

VOTED: To adjourn the Sudbury 250 Committee meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Radha Gargeya

Documents used during the meeting:

Links to Supporting Documents:

1. [Agenda for this meeting, 11/20/2024](#)
2. [Compiled List of Events](#)
3. [Event Cost Estimates](#)
4. [Sudbury 250 Day – Ideas by John Neuhauser](#)
5. [Sudbury 250 Reading List – Suggestions by John Neuhauser](#)
6. [Community Invitation for 250 Celebrations](#)