

Sudbury 250 Committee

Minutes for Wednesday, June 18, 2025

Hybrid meeting at 7:00 PM

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

Members present in-person: Radha Gargeya, Committee Chair; Jan Hardenbergh, Committee Vice-Chair

Members present virtually: Jim Wiegel, Joshua Gilman, John Neuhauser

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

Roll Call: Gargeya, present; Hardenbergh, present; Neuhauser, present; Wiegel, present, Gilman present. A quorum has been achieved

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.

Member reports

John: Mentioned that the Sudbury Colonial Faire, one of Sudbury 250's events had their first in-person planning meeting and another is scheduled for June 24. John said that significant progress in planning and logistics was made but would like the committee members, if they are at local craft fairs, farmers markets etc. to get contact information for any vendors they think would be a good fit.

Jim: Reported that the Army 250th Birthday celebration at the Wayside Inn on June 14 went well. There were some good lessons learned that will be applied to the Sudbury 250 Henry Knox Artillery event to be held on September 21 at the Wayside Inn. Jim also noted that a Marquis de Lafayette impersonator was at the Wayside Inn on Sunday September 15.

Joshua: Joshua spoke with Tom Grandprey regarding securing the participation of Lincoln-Sudbury high School music students to participate in the July 4th parade as part of Sudbury 250 float. Joshua noted that there wasn't a very eager response and getting musicians for the parade does not sound promising and the Committee should not plan for any LS musicians.

The Committee then discussed alternatives to participating in the parade on a float. Alternative to a float are Committee members marching and 2 members carrying a Sudbury 250 banner. The Committee will need more members to participate if this is the plan. Jim and John are marching with the Sudbury Companies of Militia & Minute so are unable to do the parade with Sudbury 250. Other ideas were to find a pickup truck and committee members ride in the back. The idea was mentioned to pass out temporary Sudbury 250 tattoos. Sudbury 250 coins were deemed too expensive.

It was also noted that the Sudbury Historical Society is planning to set up a table on the Town Green at the end of the parade. Radha will look into setting up a Sudbury 250 table to pass out information and sell Sudbury 250 merchandise. Alternatively Radha will inquire about combining with the SHS at their table.

The Committee discussed how to better market events. Radha has been adding events to various social media platforms and Sudbury webpages but attendance is still lower than expected. John asked about using the electronic DPW signs to advertise and the possibility of creating small wooden signs to place about town.

The Committee reviewed upcoming events to ensure that each has their own “event captain”.

Upcoming events

- July 4 parade (July 4, 2025)
- Colonel Henry Knox Ticonderoga Cannon (Sept. 21, 2025)
- Sudbury Colonial Faire (Sept. 27, 2025)
- Battle of Red Horse Tavern (Oct. 25, 2025)
- Presentation on the History of the Wayside Inn (Nov. 16, 2025)
- Noble Artillery Train presentation and demo (Jan. 26, 2026)

Sudbury 250 Day

The Committee discussed the location for the event. The same day as it is planned there is the Sudbury Garden Club Plant Sale scheduled for Sudbury Center. Should/could the two events work together in one spot or should Sudbury 250 Day move to another location (Curtis Middle School) The positives and negatives of each option were discussed. Radha will reach out to Sudbury Police Chief Nix to get his opinion.

Meeting minutes review and approval

The May 8 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as amended

Gargeya - aye, Hardenbergh - aye, Wiegel - aye, Gilman - aye, Neuhauser – aye.

The May 29 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as amended

Gargeya - aye, Hardenbergh - aye, Wiegel - aye, Gilman - aye, Neuhauser – aye.

Future meeting schedule:

July 9, 2025, 7:00pm, virtual

July 30, 2025, hybrid,

Motion to adjourn. Jan motioned. Jim seconded. Committee voted. Gargeya - aye, Hardenbergh - aye, Wiegel - aye, Gilman - aye, Neuhauser – aye. Motioned passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

Documents used during the meeting

[Link to Supporting Materials](#)

1. 6/18/2025 Meeting Agenda
2. Cost estimates for events as of 4/24/2025
3. Sudbury 250 Day planning document
4. 5/8/25 Minutes – draft
5. 5/29/25 Minutes - draft