

## Sudbury 250 Committee

### *Hybrid Meeting*

#### Agenda

Wednesday September 3, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Sudbury 250 Committee meeting on September 3, 2025 7:00:00 PM EDT (-04:00)

**On-site: Flynn Building - Thompson Meeting Room (2nd Floor), 278 Old Sudbury Road**

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Item #	Time	Action	Item
1	7:00 PM		Call the meeting to order
2			Meeting minutes recorder
3			Opening Remarks by Chair
4	7:05 PM		Public Comment
5	7:10 PM		Member reports
6	7:20 PM		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Events, scheduling, estimated costs, finances, and fund-raising</li><li>• Fine Arts events</li><li>• Promotional activities</li><li>• 9/21/2025: Ticonderoga Cannon</li><li>• 9/27/2025: Colonial Faire</li><li>• 10/25/2025: Battle of the Red Horse Tavern</li><li>• Art contest status</li><li>• Sudbury 250 Day</li></ul>
7	8:05 PM	Vote	Vote to review and possibly approve the open session minutes of 8/21/2025
8	8:15 PM		Future meeting times
9	8:20 PM	Vote	Adjourn

These agenda items are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law. Some items may be taken out of order or not be taken up at all. The Chair will strive to honor timed items as best as possible. The Chair reserves the right to accept public comment on any item and may establish time limits.



Sudbury 250 Committee  
Planned Events

Indoor Events  
Outdoor Events  
At home or TBD  
Date Prepared 1/22/2025  
Date Updated 4/11/2025

Date	Status	Event	Description	Venue Fees	Cost Estimate / Proceeds	Total	Current Funds	Details	Venue	Time	Speaker/Presenter	Event Captain
			Initial Town Allocation				25,000					
9/27/2024	Completed	Ordering of Merchandise	Brochures, T-shirts, Tote bags, Beer Steins, Hats, Banner		(3,700)	(3,700)	21,300	\$3433.01 for merchandise, plus additional costs for brochure and banner				
9/28/2024	Completed	Colonial Faire	Sudbury 250 Booth: Merchandise sale proceeds		300	300	21,600		Wayside Inn grounds			
1/27/2024	Completed	Sudbury Holiday Village 2024	Sudbury 250 Booth: Merchandise sale proceeds		400	400	22,000		Sudbury Grange			
3/16/2025	Completed	Sudbury History before the Revolution and up to the split in 1780 by Jane Sciacca: sponsored by Sudbury Historical Society and Wayland Historical Society	Presentation	(150)	0	(150)	21,850	Jane Sciacca is an author and a former National Park Service Ranger at MinuteMan and Boston National Parks and Longfellow National Historical Site	Martha Mary Chapel @ 4 PM		Jane Sciacca	Rachael Robinson
4/19/2025	Completed	250th anniversary of Minutemen march	Minutemen march (morning) and music performance (evening)	(150)	(500)	(650)	21,200	Artist and facility fees	Town Center (AM), MM Chapel (4 PM), Wayside Inn (6 PM)		Sudbury Minutemen (AM), Music group TBD (PM)	John Neuhauser and Jim Wiesel
5/18/2025	Confirmed	Presentation: Deborah Sampson	Presentation and re-enactment of Deborah Sampson, a hero of the American Revolution when she disguised herself as a man and joined the Patriot forces and served in the Continental Army	(150)	(880)	(1,030)	20,170		Martha Mary Chapel @ 4 PM		Judy Kalaora	John Neuhauser
7/4/2025	Tentative	4th of July Parade	Float and Music	0	(250)	(250)	19,920	Float and music costs	Parade Route		Sudbury Chamber of Commerce (parade)	Radha Gargeya
9/21/2025	Confirmed	Ticonderoga Cannon	Presentation and firing of cannon to commemorate the movement of Ticonderoga Cannon to Dorchester Heights under the command of Henry Knox. Night firing and Colonial Music	0	(1,400)	(1,400)	18,520		Wayside Inn grounds			Jim Wiesel
9/27/2025	Confirmed	Colonial Faire	A full day of music, muskets, history, and fun	0	(18,764)	(18,764)	(244)	\$4500 for 1500 attendees @3, up to \$1000 for artisans, a jar for donations	Wayside Inn grounds		Sponsored by Sudbury 250	John Neuhauser
10/25/2025	Confirmed	Battle of Red Horse Tavern	Reenactment of Colonial and British armies battle for control of the Red Horse Tavern	0	(4,000)	(4,000)	(4,244)	port-a-potties, police, honoraria (up \$4000)	Wayside Inn grounds		Sponsored by Sudbury 250	John Neuhauser
11/16/2025	Tentative	Presentation: Wayside Inn	Wayside Inn History	(135)	(300)	(435)	(4,679)		TBD		Brian Plum	Jim Wiesel
1/26/2026	Confirmed	Noble Artillery Train	Presentation and cannon firing demonstration	(135)	(1,000)	(1,135)	(5,814)	facilities, cannon, police?, honorarium	Martha Mary Chapel @ 4 PM		Steve Glovsky	John Neuhauser (cannon), Rachael Robinson (speaker)
2/15/2026	Confirmed	Presentation: Ezekiel Howe	Presentation on Ezekiel Howe who fought on 4/19/1775 and later commanded the 4th Middlesex Militia Regiment of Massachusetts	(135)	(100)	(235)	(6,049)		TBD		Tony Howes	Jan Hardenbergh
3/15/2026	Tentative	Indigenous Perspective		(135)	(400)	(535)	(6,583)	Reaching out Native American groups	TBD			Radha Gargeya
5/9/2026	Tentative	Sudbury 250 Day	A community celebration featuring period music, crafts, food, performances	0	(2,000)	(2,000)	(6,583)		TBD		Various groups	Radha Gargeya and Committee
5/17/2026	Confirmed	Each Hath a Hand	Fuller perspective of loyalists, patriots, and the Revolutionary War	(135)	0	(135)	(6,718)				Peter Abair	John Neuhauser
5/9/2026	Tentative	Character sketches of Sudbury residents in 1776	?	0	(300)	(300)	(9,018)		Sudbury 250 Event grounds		Local artistes	Rachael Robinson (Savoyards?)
6/1/2026	Confirmed	Cash prizes for student essays (high school students)	Essay competition	0	(300)	(300)	(9,318)				A selection to be published in Sudbury 250 Commemorative Brochure	Tim Cobbett
6/1/2026	Tentative	Cash prizes for student essays (k-8 students)	Essay competition	0	(500)	(500)	(9,818)				A selection to be published in Sudbury 250 Commemorative Brochure	Tim Cobbett
6/15/2026	Tentative	Music Concert Series	3 Concerts	(405)	(1,500)	(1,905)	(11,723)		TBD		TBD	John Neuhauser, Rachael Robinson, Jim Wiesel
6/21/2026	Cancelled	When Beer was Water	A history of the role beer played in the founding of America	(135)	(300)	(435)	(12,158)		TBD		Vivian Joyce	John Neuhauser
7/4/2026	Tentative	4th of July Parade	Float, Music, Dramatic Reading of Declaration of Independence	0	(700)	(700)	(12,858)		Parade Route		Sudbury Chamber of Commerce (parade), artistes TBD (Reading of the Declaration)	Radha Gargeya
TBD	Tentative	Presentation: What were lives like in Sudbury in 1776	?	0	(600)	(600)	(13,458)		TBD		Sudbury Historical Society	Rachael Robinson
TBD	Tentative	Colonial Gravestones	A tour of Sudbury Revolutionary Cemetery	0	0	0	(13,458)		Revolutionary War Cemetery		Sudbury Historical Society	Rachael Robinson
9/1/2026	Tentative	All merchandise sold		0	3,000	3,000	(10,458)					
		Contingency Expenses	Unanticipated expenses		(2,000)	(2,000)	(12,458)					
			Total Before Possible MA 250 Grant			(17,458)	(12,458)					
4/1/2025			MA 250 Grant Request		15,000	15,000	15,000					
5/6/2025			Sudbury Annual Town Meeting		15,000	15,000	15,000					
7/2/2025			MA 250 Grant Request Decision		(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)					
<b>Total Estimate</b>			Total After Possible MA 250 Grant			(22,458)	2,543					
			Expenses				Shortfall					

<b>Venue</b>	<b>Capacity</b>	<b>Facility fees</b>	<b>Custodial fees</b>
Curtis Middle School Auditorium	300	\$ -	\$ 129
Lincoln Sudbury High School Auditorium (with A/V)	700	\$ -	\$ 120
Lincoln Sudbury High School Auditorium (without AV)	700	\$ -	\$ 120
Martha Mary Chapel (initial estimates)	200	\$ 150	\$ -
First Parish Sanctuary	200	\$ 200	\$ -
Goodnow Library Meeting Room	100	\$ -	\$ -
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**Event Status Values**

- Tentative
- Canceled
- Pending
- Partially Confirmed
- Confirmed
- Completed

<b>A/V fees</b>	<b>Total fees</b>
\$ -	\$ 129
\$ 90	\$ 210
\$ -	\$ 120
\$ -	\$ 150
\$ -	\$ 200
\$ -	\$ -
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	<b>\$ 135</b>

## Sudbury 250 Day

### Activities/Events

- Living History Demonstrations
  - Candle maker, butter churning, doll making, cooking, ...
  - Sudbury Through Time Exhibit (adapted version if not at the Town Center)
- Minuteman Drills
- Minuteman Encampment
- Period Music
- Period Dancing
  - Guided dance
  - Dance demonstration
- Sudbury 250 Contest Winners
- Food Trucks
- Craft Vendors
- Sudbury 250 Coins
- ~~Drone Show~~
- Sudbury Through Time Exhibit (depends upon being at the Town Center)
- Children's Games (period and modern?)
  - Individual games (Coconut Shy, Large wooden hoops)
  - Races, soak the bloke, (look for people who can help put this together, a games coordinator)
- Cannon Firing (approx. \$600)
- Colonial Dress Parade (people's choice winner)
- Colonial Dressup
  - Picture booth (Adults and kids)

Decide on location!

Tentative time: 10 AM to 4 PM

# Sudbury 250 Committee

Minutes for Thursday, August 21, 2025 Fully Remote meeting at 7:00 PM  
([Meeting video](#) can be viewed at [www.sudburytv.org](http://www.sudburytv.org))

Members present: Remote meeting: Radha Gargeya, Committee Chair; Jan Hardenbergh, Committee Vice-Chair virtually: Tim Cobbett, Jim Wiegel

Roll Call: Gargeya, present; Hardenbergh, present; Wiegel present; Cobbett present

The meeting was called to order at 7:01PM.

Tim is taking minutes for this meeting

## Opening Remarks / General Comments

- Andrea Roessler, the representative from the Sudbury Historical Society, will not be able to join the committee as a full time member.

**Public Comment:** none

## Member Reports:

**Tim Cobbett:** nothing to report. Question - could we make the new Massachusetts 250 license plates a contest award? They cost about \$100

**Jim Wiegel:** missed this addition – sorry.

**Jan Hardenbergh:** connected with Jasmine Goodspeed but hasn't really confirmed for next March.

**Radha Gargeya:** How to get publicity? Discussed last meeting and at the select board meeting.

- Select Board ideas:
  - Use Sudbury TV bulletin board between programs. We can create the artwork for various events coming up and submit that.
  - Global Village program - interview style program conducted by Sudbury resident. In touch with John Neuhauser since he is captaining next two events. He will be available M,W,F - so let's schedule some time that we can all participate.
  - Sandwich boards at various locations around town.
  - Contact news organizations, local papers, etc.
- Contacted SPD and SFD to meet soon after Labor Day to determine:

- 1. Colonial Faire (sponsored by 250) - do we need EMTs at the faire due to larger expected numbers?
- 2. Discuss "Sudbury Day" in May - also reach out to the Garden Club
- Sharing pictures from the Garden Club that couldn't be shared last meeting due to WiFi issues.

### **Events, scheduling, estimated costs, finances, and fund-raising**

- Spreadsheet listing the current status of T-Shirt sales and reorder requests.
  - Looking at the ordering of more T-Shirts
  - Question: no current reorder for Steins - but should we for the Colonial Faire?
    - May not have them in time
    - Also, new tariffs could change the pricing and slow down the delivery.
  - Need to check the prices (are they current?) and suggestion to order more for a potential price break.
  - Look at the various places where we have product and check to see if they need more.

**Fine Arts events:** Let's put the word out to attract more people/groups who can bring their fine arts skills to our events.

### **Sudbury 250 Day:** [List](#) of ideas

- Additional ideas
  - Andrea Roessler - can we confirm the dates? (Radha will do that when meets with SPD)
    - Program produced for Concord's 250 - being presented all over the country. Done with Middle Schoolers - theatrical musical ~35 min in length.
      - Not high maintenance in terms of location or costumes.
      - Woman (Jenny) running it is 100% on board for bringing it to Sudbury.
      - Need local school kids to participate.
      - Andrea can produce it on behalf of the Historical Society at no financial cost - just be involved in all of the promotional information.
- Additional groups we should contact to help us?
  - Maybe the cultural council?

### **9/21 Ticonderoga Cannon**

- Event has potentially expanded to three cannons - likely moving to the field along Rte 20
- Minute Militia will also be playing
- Dinner at the Inn has been downsized - not sure who or how many will show.
  - Will offer a dinner package to folks who want it. So no formal dinner to follow.
- Sudbury 250 portion has gotten bigger but the Inn participation has gone down.

**9/27 Red Horse Tavern:**

- Organized by John Neuhauser - not present but all assumed to be moving along.

**Art Contest status:**

- 2 submissions so far.
- 9 more days to go, so get word out.

**Book:** Has been some discussion about printing a book that contains all of the product we have produced, essays, contest entries, etc.

- Members please be on the lookout for grants, new fundraising opportunities, etc.

**Review of 7/30 minutes**

- Some changes made due to AI version - which provided more or less accurate details but also did not catch a few things or provided its own spin on events.
- AI also did not formalize the various votes taken by the committee.
- Various changes were discussed and agreed upon - all thought the notes look accurate.
  
- Motion to approve minutes of 7/30 as amended - Jan moved, Wiegel seconded. No further discussion. Hardenbergh - Aye, Wiegel - Aye, Cobbett - Aye, Gargeya - Aye.
  - Notes from 7/30 accepted as amended.

**Doodle Poll for September Meeting.**

- Please go to the poll and record your availability.
- This meeting is crucial given the timing of the events coming up in September.
- September 24/25 are considered
  - October 2nd off table due to Yom Kippur
  
- Due to spam folder issues, Radha will start

Motion to adjourn: Moved by Hardenbergh, Seconded by Wiegel. Motion unanimously approved. Hardenbergh - Aye, Wiegel - Aye, Cobbett - Aye, Gargeya - Aye.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16PM