

Sudbury 250 Committee

Minutes for Wednesday, October 15th, 2025

Hybrid (Zoom) meeting at 7:00PM

Flynn Building - Thompson Meeting Room (2nd Floor)

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

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

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 7:12 PM.

Jim took minutes for this meeting

Public Comment

Radha read a public comment from Andrea Roessler, VP of Sudbury Historical Society.

Andrea wanted to attend the Battle of Red Horse Tavern on 10/25/2025. She also inquired about possible Sudbury 250 activities such performing 'Scenes from a Revolution' at the First Parish, Wayside Quilters participation, 'Sudbury Through Time' presentation to be discussed at SHS board on 11/17/25, a town crier announcing events on Sudbury 250 Day, and collaboration with Concord 250, borrowing Concord Lantern, SHS historic house tours starting on 5/2/2026.

Member Reports

Tim reported on efforts to acquire a book about Sudbury history, 'Enslavement in the Puritan Village', for the Goodnow Library, noting that while the library cannot purchase it due to financial and equity considerations, there may be a possibility of donating it or using history department funds for purchase for a 250 display at the LS library.

Jim briefly mentioned the success of the Sudbury Faire and his involvement (in three roles as Minuteman, Wayside Inn Trustee, and a Sudbury 250 member) in the upcoming Battle of Red Horse Tavern event.

Jan mentioned his work on an upcoming talk (10/23/25 at SHS) on a newly found draft map created by Revolutionary War soldier Mossman showing Sudbury and now Wayland during 1794-1795.

9/27/2025 Colonial Faire Debrief

Radha reported on the Sudbury 250 booth at Sudbury Colonial Faire, which raised \$516.10 in donations and \$840 in sales. Thanks to the Sudbury Fire Department providing EMT presence. That cost was \$440. The total cost to the Committee for hosting the faire was around \$6000.

Fine Arts Events

Radha inquired about the Committee organizing musical performances for future events. Committee agreed to explore.

Promotional Activities

Radha met Joe Saia, a long time Sudbury resident and owner of Sudbury Wine and Spirits.

Mr. Saia offered fundraising and merchandise sales, including wine and food tasting (in collaboration with local restaurants) and the sale of branded items at his Sudbury and Wayland stores

The Committee agreed to proceed with the collaboration, with the store owner donating a portion of proceeds to Sudbury 250. The possibility of creating a Sudbury 250 commemorative bottle of wine was discussed but the minimum order of 30 cases did not seem feasible.

Tim said he would talk with the various teams at LSRHS for ideas about fund raising.

Sudbury 250 Table at the Battle of Red Horse Tavern

The Committee also planned for an upcoming event at the Battle of Red Horse Tavern, where the Committee will have a Sudbury 250 table. Jan and Radha would be at the table Radha thanked Sudbury Companies of Militia & Minute, and Sudbury Fyfe & Drum who organized the successful Colonial Faire which had about 60 vendors and 2000 attendees.

Sudbury 250 Day

The Committee considered using Sudbury Public Schools' facilities for an event but needed to confirm if the building would be required for their activities.

The Committee discussed venue options for an upcoming event, considering both town hall and First Parish as potential locations, with Radha noting the Committee might need the school gymnasium as a backup for inclement weather. The Committee decided to proceed with a rain-or-shine approach rather than implementing a rain date, with Jim sharing past experiences about the challenges of rain dates with vendors at the Colonial Faire. Radha reported collecting vendor contact information from recent festivals in Maynard, Wayland, and Concord, and mentioned that invitations would be sent on official Sudbury 250 letterhead, with a raised question about whether to implement a vendor registration fee like other local events. Radha

said he would check out the Peter Noyes School field for vendor booths along with other committee members avoiding reaching a quorum denoting a committee meeting.

The Committee discussed booth fees for the Sudbury 250 Day with Jim suggesting \$50 for single booths and \$75 for doubles, based on his experience with the Sudbury Colonial Fair. The Committee debated whether to implement an honor system or fixed fees, ultimately deciding on fixed fees to simplify administration. Radha proposed creating a website for vendor registration, and the Committee agreed to rely on John's expertise to handle the registration process. The Committee also discussed the need for meticulous planning, including site layout, parking, audio-visual systems, and a detailed timeline for the event.

The Committee discussed logistics focusing on parking arrangements and transportation. Jim suggested using Boy Scouts for parking assistance, exploring shuttle bus options, and reserving spaces for food vendors and people with disabilities. The conversation also touched on porta-potty needs and the possibility of live music performances, with Jim suggesting the Committee could reach out to local bands for entertainment who have played at the Wayside Inn Beer Tent recently.

The Committee agreed to provide power and a performance space for bands. The Committee debated the event's theme, with Radha proposing a mix of colonial and community-focused elements. The Committee discussed vendor space requirements, with Jim suggesting a 15x15 booth size, and agreed to locate vendors behind their tents in the school bus area. The Committee also considered potential stage locations and the need to officially invite various town committees and organizations as partners. Jim offering to help with field layout based on his experience running the Colonial Fair. The Committee decided to conduct site visits on weekends rather than weekdays to avoid school conflicts, with Jim volunteering to do a reconnaissance visit. The Committee also discussed extending the art contest deadline, reviewing two existing screenplays, and the need to recruit one more committee member. The next meeting was scheduled as a hybrid meeting. Jim asked if Tim could find out if L/S students might get Community Service credit for helping run Sudbury 250 Day. A couple screen plays were received for Sudbury 250.

Next meetings will be on October 29th (remote) and November 12th (hybrid) both at 7PM.

Jan moved to adjourn the meeting. Tim seconded. All were in favor: Gargeya-aye, Hardenbergh-aye, Cobbett-aye, Wiegel-aye.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM.