

Sudbury 250 Committee

Minutes for Wednesday, January 21, 2026

Virtual meeting at 7:00 PM

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

Members present: Radha Gargeya, Committee Chair; Jan Hardenbergh, Committee Vice-Chair, Jim Wiegel, John Neuhauser

Public: Mike Hamill, Sudbury July 4 Parade Committee; Libby Hamill, Sudbury July 4 Parade Committee; Jamie Chapman, Communications Chair of Sudbury Chamber of Commerce, Martha Welsh, President Sudbury Chamber of Commerce; Victor Sulkowski, Laura Abrams

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

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

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

John is taking minutes for this meeting

Public comment:

Laura Abrams – asked about the theme of the July 4 parade. Lamented that Sudbury has changed over the years and participation and attendance at the parade is down.

Member reports

- Jim Wiegel – Noted that Brian Plumb is concerned about attendance at his presentation as part of the Sudbury 250 celebrations. What to do in case of inclement weather on January 25, Henry Knox event and wants to develop an alternate plan/date. (more below)
- John Neuhauser – Working with Radha on 250 day letters for living historians
- Jan Hardenbergh – Developing a Knox event poster
- Radha Gargeya – Presented Sudbury 250 Committee quarterly report to Select Board. Discussed the Select Board resolution on Sudbury 250. Worked and continues to with Sudbury IT Department on electronic forms for Sudbury 250 day vendors. Promoted Henry Knox on various website and social media sites.

Sudbury July 4th parade

Martha Welsh, President Sudbury Chamber of Commerce

Sudbury 250 would like to participate in 2026

Parade Committee plans to “go big” in 2026. Theme to be determined.

Libby & Mike Hamill, Head of Sudbury July 4 Parade organizers, want to coordinate with Sudbury 250, particularly with Sudbury 250’s reading of the Declaration of Independence.

Laura Abrams, questioned Sudbury 250's commitment to the July 4 parade. Radha remarked that Sudbury 250 will likely have a float again this year and Sudbury 250 will do "what we can" to support the parade.

Martha Welsh, asked for Sudbury 250 to promote Sudbury Chamber of Commerce parade fundraising efforts. Radha will mention parade fundraising efforts at Sudbury Select Board meetings. Mike Hamill, parade is looking for volunteers

Discussion on ways to promote parade. Radha will provide a list of the place/sites he advertises Sudbury 250 announcements on

Discussion of the Sudbury 250 Committee's reading of the Declaration of Independence event on July 4. Should the Declaration of Independence be read on a float during the parade. Who will read the Declaration. Hal Cutler was suggested.

Upcoming Sudbury 250 events

January 25 Henry Knox event

- Snow is expected on January 25. When does the Committee need to let people know if the event is to be postponed? It was decided that Radha and Jan will make a decision on Friday by 12:00pm.
- The Committee discussed alternative dates and noted it depended upon availability of speaker Steven Glovsky and the cannon crew.
- After discussion it was determined to postpone the January 25 event to either February 1 or February 22 depending upon availability of presenter, cannon and chapel availability.

February 15 event

- Brian Plumb, History of the Wayside Inn
 - Event to be held at the Fairbank Community Center

March 15 event

- Tony Howes, The life of Ezekiel Howe

Indigenous Peoples Presentation

- Two possible presenters
 - Dave Mandell – Native Americans in New England
 - or
 - Jasmine Goodspeed – Settling of Sudbury and Interactions with Native Americans
- Possible dates, March 29 or April 26
- Jasmine Goodspeed is requesting a \$500 honorarium

May 17 event

- Peter Abair, "Each Hath A Hand"

Sudbury 250 Day event

- Radha showed the Sudbury 250 craft vendor invitation, registration form and agreement form that have been developed as electronic versions
- Radha will follow the same process and develop similar invitations and forms for food trucks and living history demonstrators.
- Parking available at Lincoln-Sudbury High School?
- Committee discussed creating two large Sudbury 250 Day banners, one to hang at the Town Hall to advertise the event
- Committee reviewed Sudbury 250 Day timeline/schedule
- Committee reviewed Sudbury 250 Day activities
- Discussion of anticipated Sudbury 250 Day expenses
 - Should the Committee pay for an advertisement in Discover Concord magazine?
NO

Other items

Radha asked for approval to order additional Sudbury 250 merchandise. Committee approved.

Review of Sudbury 250 annual report, including review of expenses and income, to the Sudbury Select Board

250 Resolution

Review of meeting minutes from past meetings deferred due to time constraints

Next meetings

February 4 – virtual meeting

February 25 - hybrid meeting

Motion to adjourn

Radha motion to adjourn. Jan seconded.

Radha Gargeya – aye, Jan Hardenbergh - aye, Jim Wiegel - aye, John Neuhauser – aye.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM (?).