

# **Sudbury 250 Committee**

Minutes for Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Virtual meeting at 5:30 PM

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

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

Public: Sudbury Historical Society member: Andrea Roessler

The meeting was called to order at 5:31pm.

Roll Call: Gargeya, present; Hardenbergh, present; Neuhauser, present; Gilman, present; Wiegel, 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

Public comment:

Andrea Roessler, Sudbury Historical Society (SHS)

SHS has set the date of May 2, 2026 for their Witness House Tour

WBZ TV is filming on Monday, November 17 in Sudbury. They are filming key aspects of colonial Sudbury

Jane Sciacca is speaking on the history of the Rice family of Sudbury

## **Member reports**

- John Neuhauser – Nothing to report
- Jan Hardenbergh - Nothing to report
- Joshua Gilman – Reports that LS is excited about the upcoming 250 events and hopes the school community will get involved,
- Jim Wiegel – Jim and Radha walked the Peter Noyes field to get a sense of space and locations for vendors, food trucks, parking etc. for Sudbury 250 Day. Jim is concerned that getting enough power to and on the field could be an issue.
- Radha Gargeya – Radha wants to have a meeting with Town Manager, Andy Sheehan and other town departments to plan logistics for Sudbury 250 Day. Radha asked about the parking plan for the day with regards to accessible parking, satellite parking lots requiring shuttle busses. Jan will draw up a rough draft of a festival map with locations of important parts of the day. Once Radha and the Committee have the draft map Radha will seek to meet with various Sudbury departments.  
Radha spoke with Sudbury Quilters who expressed a desire to set up in the Grange during Sudbury 250 Day.  
Radha mentioned that he sent the Sudbury 250 Day invites to Leila Frank in the Select Board's office to get the proper legal wording for the invites. Leila works on Sudbury's Winter Festival so knows how to word invites.

## **Next Event**

The event, Brian Plumb speaking on the history of the Wayside Inn, scheduled for November 16 needed to be postponed. An alternate date and venue are being sought. (Jan has since indicated that the First Parish Church is available on Dec. 14)

## **Sudbury 250 Day**

### **Peter Noyes Field Usage for Sudbury 250 Day**

Radha received permission from the Sudbury Park & Recreation Department to use the Noyes field from May 15, 2026 beginning at 5:00pm until May 16, 2026 at 6:00pm. Members expressed concerns that the May . 15 5:00pm start might not be enough time to allow vendors to set up. Radha will request a start time of 4:00pm.

### **Sudbury 250 Day Invitations Review**

- **Sudbury 250 Day email address**  
A unique email address for Sudbury 250 Day was created, [Sudbury250Day@Sudbury.ma.us](mailto:Sudbury250Day@Sudbury.ma.us) Currently Radha is the only one who has access to the email inbox. John was recommended to also be able to access the email inbox.
- **Invitations Review**  
The Committee reviewed the invitations, registration form and contracts to be sent to vendors/craft vendors, food trucks and living history demonstrators. The invitations will be sent once Leila Frank gives the approval of the Town
- **List of vendors and demonstrators**  
Radha has lists of vendors and demonstrators that he has compiled and that was sent from Jim and John. Radha will organize and remove duplicates..
- **Sending of invites**  
Radha send out invites when they are ready.

### **Sudbury 250 Day Theatrical Presentation**

Andrea reports that the company that was going to help put on the play for Sudbury 250 Day is not able to put the show on. Luckily Freedom's Way National Heritage Area offered to put on a theatrical performance through the SHS, *Declaring Independence Then and Now in Sudbury*. The presentation is already written and SHS will need to cast the event. There will be one 40-minute performance at Sudbury 250 Day. Exact location to be determined.

### **Tours of Sudbury Center at Sudbury 250 Day**

SHS has a self-guided tour/map of Sudbury Center that will be available.  
SHS will staff the Revolutionary Cemetery, Town Pound and Loring Parsonage with historical reenactors

### **Hearse House**

Radha will ask Sudbury Historical Commission if opening the Hearse House would be an option for Sudbury 250 Day. It may not be as it is "full of junk."

### **Upcoming Meeting Schedule**

December 10, 2025, 7:00pm – Hybrid  
January 7, 2026, 7:00pm – Virtual

**Motion to Adjourn**

Radha made a motion to adjourn. Jan Hardenbergh “so moved”. Jim Wiegel “second”

Vote to adjourn, Gargeya, AYE; Hardenbergh, AYE; Wiegel, AYE; Gilman, AYE; Neuhauser, AYE. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27pm