

Sudbury 250 Committee
Wednesday July 15, 2026 at 7:00 PM
Virtual Meeting
Meeting Minutes

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Present:

Radha Gargeya, Chair; Jan Hardenbergh, Vice Chair; Joshua Gilman; John Neuhauser; Rachael Robinson (all remote via Zoom)
Tim Cobbett joined at 7:08 PM (remote via Zoom)

Also present:

Andrea Roessler, Vice President, Board of Trustees, Sudbury Historical Society (SHS)

Radha recognized all members who are present by name. He said that this is a virtual meeting duly authorized and we need to take a roll call.

Call to Order

Roll Call:

Gargeya-present; Harbenbergh-present; Gilman-present; Neuhauser-present

Radha called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM as the quorum was met.

Radha will record the minutes.

Opening Remarks by Chair

Radha noted that the Fourth of July parade was a great success, and Sudbury 250 had a wonderful float, which won the 1st Prize in the Community Division. This was due to the hard work of many.

Chamber of Commerce for organizing and planning the parade for many years and for the great planning for this special parade for the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

Mike Hamill, Libby Hamill, and Doug Haartz and their volunteers for planning the parade for the past 25 years.

Sudbury 250 Committee for their work leading up to the Parade.

Maria Cataloni, James Goudie-Murray, and Leila Frank for coming up with a plan to decorate the Sudbury 250 float and doing the hard work of decoration.

Town volunteers Charests and Sahambis and their families who helped with the Sudbury 250 float decoration and marching.

Andy Sheehan, Town Manager; Victor Garofalo, Assistant Town Manager and Finance Director; Janie Dretler, Chair, Sudbury Select Board; and Dan Carty, Sudbury Select Board member for participating and marching in the Parade.

Jan Hardenbergh and Leila Frank for walking the entire Parade route with the Sudbury 250 banner.

Town Crier Josh Tepelman for reading the Declaration of the Independence from the moving float.

Sudbury Boy Scouts for lending and managing the portable speaker system.

Heather and Miriam from 'a Blade of Grass' for offering their truck again this year.

Tim Cobbett joined at 7:08. Radha recognized him, and Tim announced his presence.

Public Comment

Andrea wanted to know where the cut-outs would be stored for the winter as the Sudbury Historical Society may not have the space. SHS may use the cut-outs for the Colonial Faire and the Apple Fest during the Fall. John said that the Minutemen would take them. She asked if there was going to be the Battle of the Red Horse Tavern this year. John said no.

Member Reports

John congratulated the Sudbury 250 for its float and the 1st Prize. Radha thanked John for lending a nice Colonial jacket for use by the Town Crier Josh Tepelman who read the Declaration of Independence.

- **Debrief:**
 - **7/4/2026, Fourth of July Parade – float, participation, reading the Declaration of Independence, other matters related to the Parade**

Radha shared some pictures from the Fourth of July parade. It was a hot day, but still there were many people who participated in the parade and many more who watched the parade. The parade was recorded by Sudbury TV and is available for viewing on SudburyTV.org

- **Events, scheduling, estimated costs, finances, and fund-raising**
 - **Review accounts**

Radha shared the latest spreadsheet. At the end, there was \$12,075.20 left in the Sudbury 250 budget. So, Sudbury 250 spent only about \$3,000 of the 2025 Annual Town Meeting allocation of \$15,000. John asked about some invoices from the artillery and if they were paid. James replied that after that payment, the remaining amount would be about \$11,000.

- **Preparing the Report to the Select Board**

Radha showed the draft of the final report to the Select Board. The Committee agreed for Radha to continue the work on the draft of the final report.

- **Sudbury 250 Book of Record**

Radha and Jan will work together to compile the Book with text, pdf documents, posters, and pictures. The goal is to produce a nice book of record.

Review and possibly approve the open session minutes of 6/3/2026

Jan moved to approve the meeting minutes of 6/3/2026 as amended during the last meeting and this meeting. Tim seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Gargeya-aye, Cobbett-aye, Gilman-aye, Hardenbergh-aye, Neuhauser-aye.

Future meeting times and agenda topics

Radha said he would send an email to the Committee to determine the next meeting date.

Adjourn

Jan moved that the meeting be adjourned. Tim seconded. The motion carried unanimously; Gargeya-aye, Cobbett-aye, Gilman-aye, Hardenbergh-aye, Neuhauser-aye.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.