

Sudbury 250 Committee
Wednesday March 4, 2026 at 7:00 PM
Hybrid Meeting
Thompson Meeting Room, Flynn Building, 278 Old Sudbury Rd, Sudbury, MA 01776
Meeting Minutes

(This meeting can be viewed [here](#).
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Present:

Radha Gargeya, Chair (on-site)
Joshua Gilman; John Neuhauser; Jim Wiegel (all remote via Zoom)

Also present:

Andrea Roessler, Vice President, Board of Trustees, Sudbury Historical Society

Radha said that this is a hybrid meeting duly authorized and we need to take a roll call.

Call to Order

Roll Call:

Gargeya-present; Gilman-present; Neuhauser-present; Wiegel – present

Radha called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM as the quorum was met.

Radha will record the minutes.

Opening Remarks by Chair

Radha noted that the Sudbury 250 Day on 5/16/2026 is coming up on us.

Public Comment

None

Member Reports

Joshua Gilman on behalf of Tim Cobbett relayed that Tim has spoken to the Lincoln Sudbury FATA department and two students volunteered to build the wooden cut-outs for the Sudbury 250 Day. Tim will get the plywood from Jan.

John said he promoted the Sudbury 250 Day and the SHS Witness House Tour at the Minuteman meeting.

Debrief: 2/15/2026 4 PM: Wayside Inn Revisited: Rare Images and New Perspectives by Brian Plumb, Multipurpose Room, Fairbank Community

This was the first non-working-hours presentation and use of the Multipurpose Room at the Fairbank Community Center. It was attended by 46 people. Jim introduced Brian Plumb and made excellent remarks.

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

- **Upcoming Events**

- **3/15/2026 4 PM: Ezekiel Howe by Tony Howes, Fairbank Community Center**

Radha publicized this presentation through social media, Nextdoor, Sudbury Patch, Sudbury Weekly, Metrowest Visitors Bureau, MA 250 events, Freedom's Way, and the Town Planner.

- **4/26/2026 4 PM: Indigenous Presentation(s)**

Radha spoke with Ms. Jasmine Goodspeed and Prof. Daniel Mandell. Ms. Goodspeed presented at the Goodnow Library a few months ago on the Native American side of the story of Sudbury. Prof. Mandell is a scholar on Native Americans in New England and has published books on that topic. Based on the conversations, instead of having them both present on the same day, since each has enough material for their own talk, we will have two different dates. Possibly 4/26/2026 for Ms. Goodspeed, and 5/31/2026 for Prof. Mandell.

- **5/16/2026: Sudbury 250 Day**

- **Changes in site layout to improve accessibility**
 - **Sudbury 250 Day Invitations**
 - **Review draft map**
 - **Timeline of activities**
 - **Process: Registration, website, fees, and any other steps in the process**
 - **Planning: Parking, Site Layout, A/V system, stage, and any other aspects related to planning**

Radha spoke to the Commission on Disability Chair, Ms. Liesje Quinto. Her opinion was that Noyes Field may not be accessible. Radha and Jan met with Sandra Duran, combined Facilities Director, at the Town Hall Parking Lot and explored the use of the parking lot for the Sudbury 250 Day vendors. The basketball courts at the other side of Noyes school could be used as well, if needed. Radha is setting up a meeting with Leila Frank, and James Goudie-

Murray from the Town Manager's office, DPW Director Tina Rivard, Sudbury Police Chief Scott Nix, Sudbury Fire Department Chief Tim Choate, Community Services Director Vivian Zeng about the Sudbury 250 Day planning.

Radha showed the map of the Town Hall parking lot. Vendors can be in the lot, Town Hall first floor, and possibly the Grange. Presbyterian Church in Sudbury (PCIS) offered their entry room for Sudbury 250 Day visitors to relax. PCIS also has a Jazz musical performance that day, and we are wondering if that could be made part of the Sudbury 250 Day.

Grange has a quilt show on Sudbury 250 Day.

No Name Road will be blocked off.

There was discussion about the possible location of the stage for dance performances: parking lot, Bandstand next to the Loring Parsonage, or in front of the Town Hall steps. Radha said Senator James Eldridge and Representative Carmine Gentile will be speaking at the Sudbury 250 Day.

Radha said the Sudbury Boy Scouts who provide the speaker system for the Memorial Day offered to provide the system for the 7/4/2026 parade. He is going to request them if they can also provide the speaker system for the Sudbury 250 Day.

There will be portable toilets. In addition, toilet facilities are available at the Town Hall, Grange, and the Presbyterian Church.

Leila Frank suggested not to charge any fees for the food trucks as they already have to be inspected by the Health Department and obtain permits.

- **2025-2026 Plans and Collaboration**
 - **Town and School libraries, Schools**
 - **Other committees and organizations**

We will be sending the Sudbury 250 Day promotional materials to the schools for them to distribute.

- **Merchandise reorder – update**

Radha met with Francesco Bucella, Director, Sudbury Historical Society regarding reordering popular Sudbury 250 merchandise. Radha will also be contacting Joe Saia of Sudbury Wine and Spirits for promoting Sudbury 250 and Sudbury 250 Day and selling Sudbury 250 merchandise.

- **Submitted plays: letters of appreciation**

Radha sent a letter of appreciation to Dan Peppercorn for his entry of a play to the Sudbury 250 arts contest. Sudbury 250 Committee does not have the capacity to produce the plays. The plays will also be included in the final Sudbury 250 report.

- **Sudbury 250 Proclamation and Resolution**

Radha requested the Committee to offer any edits to the Sudbury 250 Resolution to be presented at the Annual Town Meeting before 3/31/2026 as the Town Warrant closes by that date for all the Town Meeting articles.

Other Topics

Andrea reported on the Sudbury 1775 Witness House Tour. There will be eight houses. Andrea is looking for volunteers for the Witness House Tour.

Andrea also talked about the preparations for 'Freedom's Way's presentation of Declaring Independence: Then and Now'. Representative Gentile could be one of the narrators.

Radha said that we need many volunteers for the Sudbury 250 Day. The Committee discussed various organizations to contact for the volunteers such as the Senior Center, and the Garden Clubs.

Sudbury Police Department Chief Nix said that he would like a permanent Sudbury 250 Point of Contact (with a possible backup) at all times during the Sudbury 250 Day.

Jim inquired what would happen if there were more vendors than we have parking lot spaces. Radha said that with additional space in the Town Hall first floor, and possible Grange use, we may be able to offer enough space.

Vote to review and possibly approve the open session minutes of 2/4/2026

Jim moved to approve the meeting minutes as amended during this meeting. John seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Gargeya-aye, Gilman-aye, Neuhauser-aye, Wiegel-aye.

Future meeting times

The Committee agreed to meet on 3/18/2025 at 7 PM as a virtual meeting.

Adjourn

Jim moved that the meeting be adjourned. John seconded. The motion carried unanimously; Gargeya-aye, Gilman-aye, Neuhauser-aye, Wiegel-aye.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.