

Sudbury 250 Committee

Minutes for Wednesday, April 29, 2026

Hybrid 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: James Goudie-Murray, Town of Sudbury Management Analyst, Andrea Roessler, Sudbury Historical Society

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm.

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:

No public comment at this time.

Radha commented that Sudbury 250 Day is fast approaching and that a Sudbury 250 Day Resolution was approved by the Selectboard and will be read by Radha, Jan and members of the Selectboard at the Sudbury Town Meeting in May 2026.

Member reports

- Jim Wiegel – Commented that during Sudbury 250 Day if the Militia would like they may march to and around the Revered Bigelow house (1776 Witness House).
- John Neuhauser – Nothing to report
- Jan Hardenbergh – Handed out Sudbury 250 pins at the Sudbury 250 Committee April 26 presentation at the Fairbank Community Center. A few pins were also handed out on April 19 as the start of the Sudbury Minutemen Patriots Day march
- Radha Gargeya – He noted that he has been spending a lot of time getting ready for Sudbury 250 Day. That James was working on the various maps and all other details (to be discussed later in the meeting). Radha noted that the April 19, the start of the Sudbury Minuteman Patriots Day march was well attended by the public

Sudbury 250 Day

Sudbury 250 Logistics

James Goudie-Murray showed and the committee reviewed the various Sudbury 250 maps

- Reviewed updated overall map of Sudbury 250 Day

- Reviewed the Vendor map. Where vendors arrive, set up and park
- Reviewed living history demonstrators map. Unloading and set up area
- Reviewed map of locations of portable toilets and wash stations
- Reviewed map of picnic table placement
- Reviewed map of bus routes from Nixon School and L-S

Sudbury 250 Volunteers

- Reviewed volunteer roster and schedule
 - Sudbury 250 Days needs about 15-20 more volunteers to be able to rotate and give scheduled volunteers a break
 - All Sudbury 250 Committee members were asked to reach out to their personal contacts and see if any would be willing to volunteer, even if just for a single 2 hour shift.
 - The Committee discussed if volunteers should be offered a thank you gift. It was determined that a Sudbury 250 t-shirt would be appropriate. The Committee will need to figure out a location and times that volunteers can pick up their t-shirt.

Sudbury 250 Vendors

- Reviewed the number of vendors
 - 27 craft vendors, 10 town committees, 2 food trucks, 4 living history demonstrators
 - Vendors are to arrive in one of two time slots, 8:15am or 9:00am. DPW workers will be on site to help unload and volunteers will direct vendors to vendor parking area.

Sudbury 250 Budget

- Reviewed Sudbury 250 Day budget

Sudbury 250 Schedule

- Reviewed the schedule for Sudbury 250 Day, including events that are all day events, events outside the Town Hall, events in the Meeting House and Parsonage

Sudbury 250 Speakers

- Committee discussed whether to have a non-denominational invocation
 - It was agreed that the Town Manager should give the welcome address
- Radha presented and the committee reviewed the speaker schedule for the front of Town Hall

Merchandise Update

- There are currently 2 beer steins in inventory. The Committee discussed whether to purchase another 72. Discussion about if the steins would sell. The Committee agreed it would be good to purchase an additional 72 and felt they would sell at Sudbury 250 Day, at the Sudbury Historical Society, the Wayside Inn gift shop etc.
- Discussion about whether to order more Sudbury 250 T-shirts.
- A motion was made to authorize Radha to purchase 72 more beer steins, T-shirts and other Sudbury 250 merchandise as needed after checking on the current inventory.

April 26, 2026 event

- Jasmine Goodspeed – Indigenous Origins: Sudbury, Massachusetts
- Event was well attended, ~50

Discussion of future Sudbury 250 Presentations

- May 17, Peter Abair, “Each Hath a Hand”
 - 4:00pm, Fairbank Community Center
- May 31, Daniel Mandell, Indigenous Perspective in New England
 - 4:00pm, Fairbank Community Center
- Sudbury July 4th Parade
 - Sudbury 250 will have a float and all are welcome to join on the float

Sudbury 250 Day publicity

- Radha is reaching out to local media, issuing press releases
- The official Sudbury 250 poster is almost ready. James will look to have it finished by Friday, May 1, or May 2 in the morning, so that it can be on display and fliers handed out at the SHS Witness House Tour event.

Sudbury 250 Day Town Crier

- “All set” Josh Telpeman is the Town Crier. James was in touch him.

Next meetings

May 13 or May 14. Virtual meeting. 7:00pm

Radha will send a poll to committee members and the meeting will be held on the day where the most members can make it.

June 3. Hybrid meeting. 7:00pm

Motion to adjourn

Jim Wiegel motioned to adjourn. Jan Hardenbergh seconded.

Wiegel - aye, Neuhauser – aye, Hardenbergh – aye, Gargeya – aye.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 8:21pm