

Sudbury 250 Committee

Minutes for Wednesday, August 26, 2026, 7:00 PM (virtual)

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

Attendees: Radha Gargeya (Chair), Jan Hardenbergh, Timothy Cobbett, Joshua Gilman

Roll Call: Gargeya, present; Hardenbergh, present; Cobbett, present, Gilman present.

Minutes taker: Jan Hardenbergh

Quorum was confirmed and the meeting was called to order under the new virtual-meeting procedure (chair names all members before roll call, notes there is no expectation of privacy, and confirms the meeting is being recorded).

3. Opening Remarks

The committee is in its closing stages: reviewing accounts, finalizing the final report, and completing the Book of Record. No further activities are being planned.

5. Public Comment / Member Reports

- No members of the public were present.
- Josh: little recent to report from LS high school..
- Tim: echoed Josh's report.
- Jan: catching up on Sudbury 250 "homework" and minutes.
- Radha: same — preparing materials for tonight's meeting.

6a. Financial Accounts Review

- \$25,000 received from the Select Board / Town Manager (ARPA, American Rescue Plan Act funds).
- \$15,000 allocated at the 2025 Annual Town Meeting.
- \$536 in donations.
- Merchandise sales tracked across: 2024 Colonial Fair, 2024 Holiday Village, 2025 Colonial Fair, 2025 Battle of the Red Horse Tavern, 2025 Holiday Village, and 2026 Sudbury 250 Day (some sold through Sudbury Wine & Spirits / Sudbury Historical Society).
- Total raised: \$45,308.
- Total spent on Sudbury 250: \$33,233.

- Of the \$15,000 Town Meeting allocation, \$12,000 will be returned to the town (only about \$2,925 of that allocation was actually spent).
- Remaining balance: approximately \$12,075 (Radha is still filling in some rows pending data from James).
- No planned/outstanding future expenses beyond finalizing the Book of Record; vendor and presenter invoices are believed settled, pending confirmation with James.

Leftover Merchandise

- Historical Society merchandise was turned over to the town.
- Certain t-shirt sizes never sold.
- Idea (from Francesco Bucella, Director, Sudbury Historical Society): donate unsold merchandise to the Sudbury Quilters Association to make into a commemorative quilt — possibly two quilts (one for the town, one for the Historical Society).
- Radha to follow up.

6b. Final Report to the Select Board

- Radha screen-shared and walked the committee through his draft report, line by line.
- Converted future tense to past tense throughout, since the events have now occurred.
- Reviewed 2025 events (already covered in the prior annual report) and 2026 events: March 15 (Ezekiel How), April 12 (music performance), April 26 (Indigenous Origins of Sudbury by Jasmine Goodspeed), Sudbury 250 Day, May 17 presentation, May 31, and July 4 (final major event).
- Added a new "epilogue" section quoting the committee's original mission statement; the group reviewed and approved this language.
- Acknowledgements section — extensively workshopped live:
 - Confirmed thanks to James Goudie, , and Maria already included.
 - Add thanks to the Sudbury Chamber of Commerce for hosting a cookout.
 - Jan suggested asking Lynn for the names of people who helped her, to credit them individually.
 - Corrected business name: "Blair of Grass" → "Blade of Grass."
 - Add thanks to Sydney and Robin Merrill (previously omitted).
- Process/timeline: the report will be presented as a draft (not a final vote) to the Select Board on Tuesday, September 1st. The committee reached consensus authorizing Radha to present it with edits. Final committee approval will happen at the committee's last meeting, to avoid the paradox of approving minutes of the meeting that approves them.

6c. Sudbury Book of Record

- Jan and Radha are jointly compiling this using the same outline previously discussed — no changes to the plan.
- They will continue working together and bring a presentable version back to the full committee.
- A link to it may be added to the meeting minutes.
- Discussion of whether to produce a printed copy in addition to the electronic version. Jan proposed printing copies for the library; Radha suggested one for the town and possibly the schools. Tim asked about scope — Radha estimated at least 100 pages, including copies of the plays, agendas, event materials, and photos.
- Decision: flag "print or not to print" as an agenda item for a future meeting; no decision made yet.

7a. Minutes Review & Approval - July 9, 2025 — approved as edited

- Corrections included the "Blade of Grass" typo and adding thanks to Sydney and Robin Merrill.
- Motion: Hardenbergh; Second: Cobbett. Approved by roll call (Hardenbergh aye, Cobbett aye, Gilman aye, Gargeya aye — all in favor). 7b. Minutes Review & Approval - June 25, 2026 — approved as edited
- Jan noted he cross-referenced a detailed transcript against another source and proofread it.
- Correction near the end: reference should be to "Director Office," not "Board."
- Corrected spelling of "Mandel" (two L's).
- Motion: Hardenbergh; Second: Cobbett. Approved by roll call (Hardenbergh aye, Cobbett aye, Gilman aye, Gargeya aye — all in favor).

Logo Ownership

- Radha reported that town counsel confirmed the Sudbury 250 logo is owned by the town.
- Rationale: the logo contest rules stated submissions become committee/town property; the committee was created by the Select Board; the Select Board acts on behalf of the town; ownership therefore flows to the town.
- This resolves a question raised at a previous meeting.

8. Future Meeting Schedule

- Potential remaining Wednesday meeting dates: September 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30.
- Jim is available on the 9th and 16th.
- Radha will poll the committee for availability (Google form or direct ask).
- Expectation: 2–3 more meetings needed to close out, ideally just 2.
- Procedural note: the last meeting's minutes will need to be approved by the Select Board (the parent body), since the committee will no longer exist to approve its own final minutes.

Radha thanked the committee warmly, noting the effort began roughly two years ago (around April/May 2024) with no clear plan at the outset. He also thanked members' spouses and families for their support throughout the process.

9. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn: Hardenbergh; Second: Cobbett.
- Approved by roll call (Gargeya aye, Hardenbergh aye, Cobbett aye, Gilman aye — all in favor).
- Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM