

**Town of Somers
Somers Ad hoc America250 Planning Committee
Wednesday, July 29, 2026
Selectmen's Conference Room
Special Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm

Present were Mick Marinaccio, Chris Naseralla, Jan Martin, Scott Kaupin, David Pinney

2. Opportunity for public comment

None present

3. Review details for Aug 15

- a. MC – Scott Kaupin agreed to serve as MC
- b. Sponsors' alley, banners – David is still confirming which sponsors will have tents and collecting banners
- c. Tents and tables – Following discussion, it was agreed to locate the 20x40 tent in the area east of the food trucks between Field 2 and Field 3
- d. Signage – It was decided to have made up three 4'x8' banners listing the sponsors with more prominent placement for major sponsors and smaller text for the smaller classes. Additional signs would include one identifying the Children's Area sponsored by the Eastman family as well as some coroplast signs for soliciting donations. Chris has access to handicap parking signs.

4. Music for drone show

Scott Kaupin hosted a session at his house with his spouse Michael Emmons on the computer. Jan Martin and David Pinney attended and the group went through the final rendition provided by Sky Elements, selecting songs to accompany different segments of the show. The proposed music was presented to the committee and accepted. Michael will assemble the selections into a continuous sound track.

5. Review financial statements

Mike Marinaccio reviewed anticipated revenues and expenses as documented to date, noting that there was a small surplus of income over expense. Additional expenses for a photo booth and T shirts were noted and will be detailed.

6. Event booklet

There was considerable discussion about the layout for the booklet. Decisions were made about ad placements for named and Freedom sponsors. Provisions for the day's schedule, a town history, Field of Flag honorees, and Revolutionary veterans were laid out. The resulting book will be 16 pages plus the cover.

7. Children's activities

Chris reviewed locations and timing for activities. She will provide a list of activities to Scott for promotion on the event's Facebook page.

8. Other

Shaun Curtis from the Economic Development Commission was inquiring about recognizing August's small business of the month at the 15th celebration. The committee suggested that National Night Out might be a better fit.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:35

Respectfully submitted,

David Pinney, chair