

# Somers Ad hoc America250 Planning Committee Minutes

Wednesday September 3, 2025

Selectmen's Conference Room

**Call to Order:** First Selectman Tim Keeney opened the meeting at 5:10PM

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Members Present:** Michael Clarity, Donna Hanks, Scott Kaupin, Michael Marinaccio, Susan Peck, David Pinney, Scott Sutter. Not present, John Parks & Tim Simoes

**Opening Remarks by First Selectman Tim Keeney:** The Continental Congress adopted the Declaration Independence on July 4<sup>th</sup> 1776, it was engrossed on parchment and on August 2, 1776, delegates begin signing it. CT Governor Ted Lamont has directed all towns in the State to plan a town celebration to commemorate the signing.

## **Review of Charges:**

Develop a draft schedule of events for the celebration – Suggestions that came forth is that the event could possibly be held more than one day with a tentative date of August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 2026 at different locations. One event mentioned was the possibility of a 2.50 mile road race. Also, the possibility of viewing the art collection at the Blake Center on Hall Hill Road, a replica of the home of Thomas Jefferson ( Monticello), one of the writers of the declaration.

Establish a preliminary budget for proposed activities - \$50,000 - \$60,000 was a tentative number to be discussed.

## **Elections of Officers:**

David Pinney, was nominated as Chair, Scott Kaupin was nominated as Co-chair, Michael Marinaccio was nominated as Treasurer and Donna Hanks was nominated as Secretary. All were approved unanimously.

**Meeting Schedule:**

Next meeting to be held in the Selectmen's Conference Room Wednesday September 10, 2025 at 5:30PM and there after every other Wednesday at 5:30PM in the same location.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00PM

Respectfully submitted,

Donna E. Hanks, Secretary