

Town of Somers

Somers Ad hoc America250 Planning Committee

Wednesday, July 8, 2026 – 5:30pm

Selectmen's Conference Room

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm. Committee members present included David Pinney, Michael Marinaccio, Mike Clarity, Jan Martin, Christine Nesaralla, Michael Dietter, and volunteer Tim Welch.

2. Opportunity for public comment

- No members of the public wished to comment.

3. Review arrangements with entertainers

- The schedule was reviewed and revisions were made/marked up to be shared with Scott K. The Legion do a presentation of colors and volley between 6-6:15pm. Discussion of a partial reading of the Declaration of Independence prior to Savage Brothers.
- Entertainers will be provided with a map of the site and "access pass" which will prompt CERT to direct them to performer parking/staging areas.
- Mike C., Scott, and David will confirm final fees and request basic contracts from performers.
- Mike Marinaccio will assist with ensuring performers receive payment after their respective performances.
- Discussion of chalk marking lines for food trucks.
- It was proposed that Scott Kaupin serve as event MC.

4. Music for drone show

- Progress has been made narrowing down selections, awaiting the mock up from the drone vendor, Sky Elements.

5. Event promotion

- 50 lawn signs have been ordered and will be available for pick up by David or designee. The committee discussed dispersal and set up throughout the community. Preferences was acknowledged for garden/beautification sites and other high visibility areas throughout town.
- David will communicate with FD and town hall regarding running a message on the E-scrollers.
- The revised schedule will be shared to post on the town website.
- The revised schedule and narrative will be shared with school officials for an email blast.

6. Children's activities

- Christine shared updates of activities and conformed location/layout.

7. Updates on other activities

- Michael Marinaccio shared anecdotal budget updates consistent with what is tracking on the Field of Flags and Sponsorship spreadsheets.
- Additional donation opportunities will be dispersed at the site on the day of the event allowing for QR code generated donation.

8. Event booklet

- David will request sponsors send their preferred graphic and narrative.
- Mike D. will compile and format donors, sponsors, and Field of Flags Honorees.

9. Other

- Members of the Legion shared suggestions for the presentation of colors and volley. They also proposed a brief narrative to be read by Frank Poirier. The committee is in favor of supporting this suggestion and requested a copy of the narrative prior to the event.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm