

**Town of Somers
Somers Ad hoc America250 Planning Committee
Wednesday, July 22, 2026 – 5:30pm
Selectmen's Conference Room
Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm. Present: David Pinney, Jan Martin, Mike Clarity, Christine Nasaralla, and Mike Dietter

2. Opportunity for public comment

- a. There were no members of the public present to comment.

3. Review details for Aug 15

a. arrangements with entertainers

- i. Final preparations and details are being made regarding, arrival, set up and payment.

b. Legion participation

- i. Representatives of the Legion shared suggestions for scheduling of presentation of colors, volley, and remarks by representatives. The volley and remarks will be made in the same time slot as the reading of the declaration. The presentation of colors will be coordinated with the singing of the Star Spangled Banner.

c. MC

- i. Scott K. will serve as MC as needed for introduction of acts and recognition of donors and sponsorships.

d. Reading of the Declaration

- i. A portion of the Declaration will be read. Two individuals have stepped forward and are known to the Committee.

e. Sponsors' alley

- i. Sponsors alley will be established on Field Two.

f. Signage

- i. Signs have been distributed throughout town. A banner to identify sponsors will be secured and displayed.

4. Music for drone show

- a. Scott K. will submit a proposed song list, etc at the next meeting.

5. Review financial statements

- a. Mike M. was not present, Financials from America250 account submitted as "draft".
- b. Selectman Keeney shared information regarding a possible sponsorship at the level of 5K. The Committee reviewed and confirmed the 5K recognition platform.
- c. Big Y has pledged 5k and will be appropriately recognized including an opportunity to address attendees for a few minutes during the 4-5pm hour.
- d. The Committee reviewed expectations that any sponsors wishing to address attendees must submit remarks prior to the event. Additionally, sponsors are reminded of the expectation that the event focus is community gathering and celebratory.

6. Event booklet

- a. The Committee discussed the event booklet further. Excel sheets of donors, honorees and sponsors submitted to Chair Pinney.

- b. Christine is arranging additional content and will work with the printer regarding formatting.

7. Children's activities

- a. Children's area activities were discussed. Volunteers have stepped forward from SHS Athletics. Tim Percoski (SHS) and Christine will coordinate.

8. Other

- a. Selectman Keeney shared that The Blake Center for Faith and Freedom has offered to open their gallery and grounds to the community to coincide with the America250 Somers event Details and confirmation will be forthcoming.
- b. There was no other business to be heard before the Committee.

Adjournment - the meeting was adjourned at 6:50.