

Somers Ad hoc America250 Planning Committee Minutes

Wednesday September 10, 2025

Selectmen's Conference Room

Call to Order: Chair David Pinney opened the meeting at 5:35PM

Members Present: Michael Clarity, Donna Hanks, Susan Peck, David Pinney. Not present. Tim Simoes, Scott Kaupin and Michael Marinaccio. First Selectman Tim Keeney and Operations Director Kim Lefleur were both in attendance. David Pinney announced that John Parks and Scott Sutter had resigned from the committee.

Minutes: Minutes from the September 3rd meeting were reviewed. Susan made a motion to accept the minutes, and Micheal seconded. Motion carried.

Review of possible events and activities: David went on to say that he had contacted Dr. Sam Galloway, Superintendent of Somers Public Schools, to see if the school bands and the various grades could participate in different activities. Dr Galloway agreed to reach out to administration.

Susan suggested that Reference Librarian, Allison Rief would be a great resource of material. Donna will reach out to the Historical Society to see what materials are in their collection dating back to 1776. Other suggestions included collaborating with the Somers Recreation Department for children's activities, the Cultural Commission for entertainment, Somers Scout troops, possibly asking an Eagle Scout candidate to participate and American Legion, Buck-Dubiel Post 101. Other activities to be considered are a road race, short videos, coloring contest, face painting, historical games & food trucks.

Paul Martinello would be a good resource for reenacting Revolutionary battles. He has also presented a program many times for the Historical Society of what a colonial soldier would have worn and carried into battle.

A web page should be developed to attract volunteers. Kim Lefleur offered to update it.

A grand finale that would include a drone show and a fly over on August 15, 2026. This would have to be researched concerning location and approval from appropriate agencies concerning air space.

To be determined are event locations, and timing of events. Fire, police and EMS coverage during events. Recruitment of volunteers is vital.

Meeting Schedule:

Next meeting to be held in the Selectmen's Conference Room Wednesday October 1, 2025, at 5:30PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45PM, Michael made the motion and Susan seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna E. Hanks, Secretary