

Somers Ad Hoc America250 Planning Committee Minutes
Wednesday October 1, 2025
Selectmen's Conference Room

Call to Order: Chair David Pinney opened the meeting at 5:30PM

Members Present: Michael Clarity, Michael Dietter, Donna Hanks, Scott Kaupin, Michael Marinaccio, Jan Martin, Susan Peck, David Pinney. Not present Tim Simoes. First Selectman Tim Keeney was in attendance.

Minutes: Minutes of the September 10th meeting were reviewed. Susan made a motion to accept. Michael Clarity seconded. Motion carried.

Review of events and activities: David approached the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and the American Legion Buck/Dubiel Post 101 about the 250 Celebration to see if they were interested in getting involved. All were interested.

Michael Marinaccio suggested "A Calendar of Events" where over the course of the upcoming year different historical activities would take place to commemorate the signing of the Declaration of Independence with a grand finale in August 2026. This is an excellent way to promote the celebration and inform the public.

This would involve the Somers Town Library, Town Recreation Department, Somers Public Schools, Somers Historical Society, Somers Cultural Commission, Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, and American Legion. Each would create their own historical activity and present it to this committee for review. This could be exhibits, art exhibits, essays, speakers, music, and possible battle reenactment. Invitations will be extended to each group to attend future Ad Hoc meetings for their input and what the town could do to assist with their plans.

A Laser/Drone show is being considered for the Grand Final. Brian Wissinger, Town CFO, has researched this and will be invited to the next meeting to explain what is involved.

Discussion took place concerning financing this event. There is a need to clarify how much all of this would cost. This includes a list of "Sponsors" who would be willing to participate.

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

Meeting Schedule:

Next meeting to held in the Selectmen's Conference Room, Wednesday October 15, 2025.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm. Scott made the motion and Michael Marinaccio seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna E. Hanks, Secretary