

Town of Somers
Somers Ad Hoc America250 Planning Committee
Wednesday, October 29, 2025
Selectmen's Conference Room



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

Members Present: Donna Hanks, Scott Kaupin, Michael Marinaccio, Jan Martin, Susan Peck, David Pinney.
Not Present: Michael Clarity, Michael Dietter, Tim Simoes & Greg Smith.

Minutes: Minutes of October 15th meeting were reviewed. Scott made a motion to accept the minutes, Jan seconded. All in favor.

Review of events and activities: Michael presented a report highlighting his Final Event discussion with the Town of Somers Land Use Department Officials to discuss the overview of the final event and enlist their guidance and support. Scott's outline document (presented at the 15th meeting) guided the discussion. Those present were Todd Roland, Director of Land Use and Public Works, Jennifer Roy, Assistance Director of Land Use/Zoning Enforcement, Jeff Catlett, Sanitarian. Items discussed were an overview of the event. Final event, August 15, 2025, at Field Road Park. Logistically it is the best fit. No need for portable lighting, Traffic Flow one way, (in at Field Road, out behind the high school). School parking lots would be used, Tennis courts which are fenced in can be used for the Drone show staging (approved by the Committee at the October 15th meeting). Band shell set up options exist.

Food Offerings agreed that three areas, food trucks, restaurants and civic organizations, own food are acceptable. Somers Softball has a kitchen booth on site at Field Road. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed.

Todd will develop a Parking Plan including shuttle buses if necessary. Tents with tables and chairs will be supplied. Operations will be handled by the town. Invited Todd Roland to attend our November 12th meeting to present draft of site plan, share his suggestions and answer questions.

Scott presented his report concerning staging and lighting for the Savage Brothers Band and other events. The company selected is **Noah Lis Productions**. This would include all day rental. No deposit needed. The cost is approximately \$12,000.00.

The committee decided that \$60,000 - \$80,000 will be needed to fund the final event. A lengthy discussion took place concerning sponsorship opportunities for town businesses. Banners placed around the grounds will highlight the various businesses that contributed. A fundraising campaign will take place. The Somers Economic Committee and North Central Chamber of Commerce have a list of local businesses. David will draft a letter.

Susan will reach out to Maureen Parseli, Director of Recreation & Leisure Services, for children's activities ideas during the final event.

Meeting Schedule: Next meeting will be held in the Selectmen's Conference Room, Wednesday November 12th at 5:30PM.

Susan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00PM, Michael seconded.
All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna E. Hanks, Secretary