

**Town of Somers
Veterans Park Ad Hoc Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 03, 2025, 15:00
Town Hall Auditorium**

- 1.) Call to Order:
 - Town Liaison, Todd Rolland, called the meeting to order at 15:04.
- 2.) Members' Present:
 - Sherri Marquis, William McGurk, Robert Thiesing, Melville Thorne, Vito Riccio, Steven Ellis, and Robert Socha. Also present were alternate Joseph Kelley, Veterans' Liaison David McCaffrey, Town Liaison Todd Rolland, and attendee Gary Prior.
- 3.) Election of Officers
 - Chair: Robert Thiesing nominated Sherri Marquis for election as Chair, and Robert Socha seconded. All were in favor. Sherri Marquis was elected Chair.
 - Vice Chair: Sherri Marquis nominated Vito Riccio for election as Vice Chair, and William McGurk seconded. All were in favor. Vito Riccio was elected Vice-Chair.
 - Secretary: Sherri Marquis nominated to elect David McCaffrey as Secretary, Robert Thiesing seconded. All were in favor. David McCaffrey was elected Secretary.
- 4.) Set Meeting Schedule for 2026:
 - Steven Ellis motioned to accept the 2025/2026 meeting calendar as amended, which removed the December 17 meeting date, and Robert Thiesing seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.
- 5.) Review Board of Selectmen charges:
 - Todd Rolland read the charges to the committee as follows:
 - Identify the best location for a potential park,
 - Identify the cost to construct and operate a park,
 - Identify potential funding sources to build and maintain a park.
- 6.) General discussion:
 - The committee began discussion of possible locations and the scope of the park. Sherri Marquis and David McCaffrey gave a brief history of some of the work that has been done.
- 7.) Discussion of the Committee's next steps:
 - Todd Rolland will bring a computer to the next meeting so that the committee can review potential sites using the town GIS, NEARMAP, and commercial mapping systems.
- 8.) Adjournment:
 - William McGurk motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Robert Thiesing seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 16:12.