

TOWN OF SOMERS, CONNECTICUT
Somers Veterans Memorial Park & Healing Garden Ad-Hoc Committee
(dba) Veterans Park Ad-Hoc Committee

Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2026

Time: 3:00 PM

Location: Somers Town Hall Auditorium

Zoom Access: (Committee-only, password-protected)

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Public Comment
5. Opportunity to Add Urgent Agenda Items
6. Approval of Minutes
 - January 7, 2026, Meeting Minutes

7. Old Business

- Membership Update
 1. Confirmation of Gary Prior Appointment

8. New Business

- a. Architectural Presentation – Feasibility Review
 1. Presentation of two conceptual design options
 2. Q&A with architects
 3. Identification of non-viable municipal sites based on:
 - footprint and layout
 - grading/drainage
 - access and visibility
 - ADA feasibility
 - long-term suitability

Purpose: Narrow the list to feasible sites before scoring.

- b. Location Evaluation & Committee Alignment
 1. Brief confirmation of mission, vision, and Board charge
 2. Review of evaluation criteria (matrix & scoring sheet)

3. Review of remaining feasible municipal sites
4. Distribution of information handout:
 - Veterans Memorial Parks in Connecticut & Massachusetts – Inspiration for the SVMP&HG
 - (informational only; not part of scoring)

Purpose: Ensure shared understanding before scoring.

c. Site Selection – Scoring & Final Recommendation

1. Committee members complete scoring worksheets only for remaining feasible sites
2. Secretary tallies scores
3. Motion to adopt the highest-scoring site as the committee's recommended location to the Board of Selectmen

Purpose: Deliver the Board's required first deliverable – one final location.

d. Architectural Planning Work – Required Committee Action

(Full supporting documentation will be provided at the meeting)

Motion:

1. Formally acknowledge that architectural planning work was requested based on Town direction.
2. Request that the architects submit a final proposal/invoice.
3. Authorize the Chair to submit the proposal for payment using the approved Hartford Foundation grant funds.

e. Informational item (No Discussion)

Informational Update: Pending Board of Selectmen Public Hearing on Chapter 62 informational only; no discussion or action will be taken.

f. Next phase Overview (Brief)

(Informational only – no action required)

1. Overview of cost, maintenance, and funding readiness steps
2. Explanation that detailed cost and funding work begins after site selection
3. Introduction of future Funding Subcommittee (to be formed at next meeting)

9. Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 3:00 PM

(Focus: preliminary cost considerations, funding readiness, and subcommittee formation).

10. Adjournment