

**Town of Somers
Somers Ad hoc America250 Planning Committee
Wednesday, May 6, 2026 – 5:30pm
Selectmen’s Conference Room
Special Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm. Committee members present: David Pinney, Scott Kaupin, Michael Clarity, Michael Marinaccio, Michael Dietter, Christine Neseralle and Jan Martin.

2. Food trucks

- David Pinney updated the committee regarding respondents from food vendors. On a motion from Mike Marinaccio, seconded by Jan Martin, the committee voted unanimously to include Kona Ice, Travelin Toms Coffee, Luanns Bakery, Fellowship Cafe, Jeffs Kettle Corn, Fortune Fuel, and Sunny’s Barbecue as food vendors pending their submission of Board of Health paperwork, within two weeks of notification by Chair Pinney.

3. Fundraising

- Local business owner Steven Squillace addressed the committee and suggested a revision of the sponsorship schedule to include a \$250.00 level with recognition in the America250 celebration program materials. On a motion from Jan Martin, seconded by Mike Clarity, the committee unanimously approved a change to include an America250, \$250.00 dollar sponsorship. Scott Kaupin will make revisions to print materials for posting on the Somers 250 website.
- Updates for other fundraising efforts included donations received through Donorbox of approximately \$2,200.00 and mail in donations of approximately \$2,100.00 dollars. There are several donations to be processed so these figures will revise upwards.
- The committee discussed updating the Board of Finance on fundraising and commitments in anticipation of requesting partial funding from the town.

4. Scheduled activities for Aug 15

- The August 15th schedule was reviewed with slight revisions made in order to accommodate an additional performer and to elaborate on offerings during the Children’s Activities portion of the day. The committee discussed a need to invite town representatives to discuss public safety, traffic flow, parking needs, etc.

5. Updates on other activities

- Sky Elements has confirmed that program revisions have been received and will be sharing a computer mock up of the drone event. The committee will need to confirm staging location for drones (tennis courts or other “secure” location at the SPS campus.
- The status of the Field of Flags order will be updated.

Adjournment at 7:00pm