

Town of Somers
Somers Ad hoc America250 Planning Committee
Wednesday, April 8, 2026 – 5:30pm
Selectmen’s Conference Room
Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm. Committee members present include: David Pinney, Scott Kaupin, Michael Clarity, Michael Marinaccio, Michael Dietter and Christine Nesperalle. Jan Martin was not present however, she submitted information for review.

2. Opportunity for public comment

No members of the community were present to comment.

3. Food trucks

The committee previewed documents shared by Jeff Catlett (Health Department) related to permitting and inspection of food related vendors. The SFD will need to be included regarding spacing of food trucks and any other rules and restrictions related to safety and fuel storage. Revisions to cover letter and permits will include a space for dimension of food truck and vendor space requirements.

The committee discussed the need for identifying a “short list” of vendors to ensure choice and variety are available to participants. Space will be allotted to civic organizations interested in food related concessions subject to health and permit provisions.

4. Fundraising platform

The committee reviewed the Donorbox site and will move forward with distributing the URL and QR code on various social media platforms and mailings. The site is limited in what data can be collected especially as it relates to Field of Flags information. Solutions were proposed that involve a secondary notification via email to include details for flags purchased in memory/tribute. Information (URL and QR code) was forwarded to Brian Wissinger for review and approval

5. Mailing to area businesses

Mailers are in process, QR and URL information will be forwarded for inclusion on print materials. Discussion included use of Somers Public Schools and Somers Parks and Youth Services email contacts as another means of informing the community.

6. Field of flags mailing

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7. Updates on other activities

The performance (stage) schedule for August 15th was reviewed and revised. Committee members will reach out to local performers regarding two open time slots.

Somers Public Schools staff interests and proposals were shared, there is representation across all schools and activities are appropriate. The activities will raise awareness and promote townwide events.

8. Other

Once print materials are complete, Mike Dietter will assist Kim LeFleur with town website links and content.

Adjournment - the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm