

**Town of Somers
Somers Ad hoc America250 Planning Committee
Wednesday, May 20, 2026 – 5:30pm
Selectmen's Conference Room
Special Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order

- Chair Pinney called the meeting to order at 5:30pm
- Committee members present included: David Pinney, Jan Martin, Scott Kaupin, Michael Dietter, and Christine Neseralle.

2. Opportunity for public comment

- No members of the public were present

3. Review Aug 15 details with Todd Rolland

- FD and Health will inspect onsite vendors beginning at 10am on August 15th.
- DPW will have at least two staff assigned throughout the event.
- Discussion of traffic flow and parking. CERT, along with PD and FD will take an active role in crowd support and traffic. Todd will map out event specific locations on a site plan.
- PD and FD will attend the next meeting June 3rd, on site at Field Rd.
- Mike D. to confirm lighting at the school facility for the evening and after the drone show (parking).
- DPW will manage garbage collection
- Todd will advise on a tent for cooling/water station.
- The turf field is the preferred location for drone setup. Mike D. Requested information regarding weight of equipment and access to the site. Will discuss and confirm access with Superintendent Galloway.

4. Food trucks

- Contracts from several vendors have been received and approved, Chair Pinney will continue to manage food trucks and confirm submission of applications.

5. Fundraising

- Field of Flags has received sponsorship for 214 flags. Additional sponsorships have been received and recorded on Donorbox and with Mr. Wissinger.
- Mike M. will populate/update budget sheets as appropriate.

6. Updates on other activities

- Performer contracts are in process.
- Christine N. will develop a list of child focused activities with 8-10 HS students to support during the 1-3pm window on the 15th.

7. Other

- Chair Pinney confirmed the Town of Somers insurance covers the event, vendors may have additional need for insurance coverage.
- On a motion from Scott K., seconded by Mike D., the committee unanimously authorized submission of invoice from DG Graphics for payment in the amount of \$2669.01.
- Field of Flags will be staged on Friday, May 22nd. Volunteers welcome at 3pm on the green.

Adjournment at 7:03pm

