

**Town of Somers
Somers Ad hoc America250 Planning Committee
Wednesday, November 12, 2025
Selectmen's Conference Room**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30

Members present: Jan Martin, Michael Clarity, Susan Peck, Scott Kaupin, Michael Marinaccio, David Pinney

Others present: Todd Rolland, Jeff Catlett, Tim Keeney, Kim Lafleur, Christine Naseralla

2. Opportunity for public comment

Christine Naseralla was present, expressing interest in helping where needed

3. Minutes from October 29, 2025

Motion by Scott, second by Jan, and unanimously supported to approve the minutes as presented.

4. Meet with Todd Rolland to review plans for using Field Road Park and adjacent school grounds for the August 15 event

Todd and Jeff were present to review details of the site and proposed activities. These included traffic flow and parking, potential location for stage, location and permitting for food vendors, and provisions for emergency services and site maintenance.

5. Review Scott Kaupin's information for music production

The committee reviewed once again the proposal from Noah Lis Productions to provide a stage along with sound and lighting equipment and operation. Mike Marinaccio moved, Scott seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to recommend to the selectmen to enter into an agreement Noah Lis Productions for services as put forward in their proposal of Oct 26, 2025.

6. Other activities for August 15 or other dates

Susan met with Maureen Parsell and reported that the recreation department is ready to participate in organizing a variety of games and activities for kids and adults. Susan also reported that the library has arranged for three different programs on the American Revolution theme that are scheduled for May 13, July 6, and August 3 of 2026.

David reported on a reenactment program that the Ellington Historical Society in Ellington on Nov 8. The committee thought it would be a great addition and David will contact the regiments that participated to explore options for a program in Somers.

7. Budget and fundraising

Scott reviewed proposed sponsorship levels similar to what Enfield uses in fundraising for their annual Fourth of July event. Scott had included suggested donations for each level. We need to develop an initial budget and prospects for different donation levels to contribute toward the overall goal. Kim shared a draft of a fundraising letter that had come from the earlier planning efforts.

8. Update on engagement with the selectmen

David reported that he had provided a verbal report to the selectmen at a recent meeting and will prepare a written report for them consistent with the original charge to our committee.

9. Adjournment

Susan moved, Jan seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Pinney, chair

