

**Town of Somers
Somers Ad hoc America250 Planning
Committee Wednesday, December 17, 2025
Selectmen's Conference Room
MINUTES**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 by Chair Pinney.

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

2. Opportunity for public comment

No members of the public participated in public comment.

3. Minutes from December 3, 2025

On a motion from Chair Pinney and seconded by Jan Martin, Minutes for the 12/3/25 meeting were accepted.

3A - A special Item was added to the agenda. The team discussed continuation of the two week meeting pattern *attached*. On a motion by Chair Pinney, seconded by Michael Dietter, the January 2026 through December 2026 meeting schedule passed unanimously.

4. Budget and fundraising

Michael Marinaccio proposed a budget tracking, revenue, and cost spreadsheet and reviewed the placeholders with the committee. The Board of Selectmen has been engaged regarding the town of Somers financial commitment.

The committee discussed fundraising activities to include:

- Field of Flags
 - The committee will identify proposed locations and a reasonable kick off date.
 - A letter, data collection, and payment process will need to be created.
 - Michael Dietter will create data collection sheet for ordering flags
 - Letter and fee processing TBD
 - The town website can be used for this purpose
- Solicitation via targeted mailer
 - Chair Pinney will draft a letter
- Sponsorship levels for individuals or businesses with associated advertising and event exposure benefit.
 - Scott Kaupin submitted a draft sponsorship outline with levels and benefits.

5. Activities for August 15

The committee discussed activities and created a "loose" timeline for the 15th and beyond to include:

Aug. 15th

1pm - Kick off with reenactor/performer Tom Callinan

3pm - Fife and Drum performance
5pm - Band TBD Possibility of Shovel Head
6pm - Flyover of site
6:30 PM - Savage Brother Band
Sunset +30minutes - Drone show

Activities throughout the day to include:

- Static displays
- Youth Services children's games
- Food trucks
- Additional activities TBD

6. Prospects for engaging a reenactment group

Michael Cleary has communicated with reenactment groups in the region. At this time, the most promising group is the Ye Olde Lebanon Towne Militia. Discussion regarding timing and the possibility of a fall reenactment to align with SPS curricular days.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50

**Town of Somers
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2026 Meeting Schedule**

The America 250 Committee meets in the Selectman's conference room at 5:30pm. Below are the 2026 dates for 2026.

Month	Wednesday	Wednesday
January	7th	21st
February	4th	18th
March	4th	18th
April	8th	22nd
May	13th	27th
June	10th	24th
July	8th	22nd
August	5th	19th
September	16th	30th
October	7th	21st
November	4th	18th
December	2nd	16th