

Town of Somers
Senior Center Ad Hoc Building Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 06, 2025, 1:00 pm
Selectman's Conference Room

- 1.) Call to Order:
 - Tim Welch called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm.
- 2.) Members Present:
 - Tim Welch, Kevin Charette, Maryann Phillips, John Kelleher, Monica Newcity, Vito Riccio, Michael Marinaccio, Maureen Parsell, Todd Rolland.
- 3.) Approval of prior meeting minutes (07/09/25):
 - Michael Marinaccio moved to approve, and Kevin Charette seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.
- 4.) General discussion:
 - The committee discussed the challenges of the current facilities, areas we could add on to the current building, to improve and expand use.
 - Maureen handed out information on Vernon's current Senior Center expansion and shared the experiences from other Senior Centers, which is "if you build it, they will come". Other centers that expanded their facilities found a dramatic increase in patronage and great use by a more diverse population.
 - The committee discussed the use of the Somersville Grammar School and feels the best course of action is to improve the current Senior Center and keep it a Senior Center. If the Grammar school is purchased, some space within it could be used for community programming.
- 5.) Discussion of the Committee's next steps:
 - Todd will contact Jeff Bord, P.E., and inquire if he can develop draft floor plans for the group to review.
 - Maureen will send the results of the community survey, which was done for the community center, to the group.
- 6.) Adjournment:
 - John Kelleher moved to adjourn at 1:54 pm, Vito Riccio seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.