

Town of Somers
Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council
Thursday, March 2rd, 2022
8:00 A.M.
Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Emergency Management Director Glen Reynolds at 8:01

II. Members present: Glen Reynolds Todd Rolland, Pete Debrino, Dan Thayer, Karen Hocking, Bill Meier, and Brian Czapla

Also in attendance were: Alison Maynard, Paula LaFrance, Stephanie Levin, Andrea Vitrano, Brian Wissinger and Kim Littig

Members Absent: Rob O'Connor Anne Cournoyer and John Roache (on a call)

Introduced and welcomed Brian Wissinger to the group.
Congratulated Brian Czapla on his retirement and thanked him for all his hard work and dedication to the schools, town and this group.

III. OLD BUSINESS

COVID-19 Update:

Andrea Vitrano: Numbers are way down!!! Her report is attached.

Kim Littig: PD is having contract issues with the body cams and the State Police. Trying to work things out but it's getting drawn out and will take more time. New cruiser is in and we've received many compliments on it. Looking to decal other vehicles the same way. Medical assists and juvenile calls are up.

Todd Rolland: All staff are back and healthy. Moving to spring operations. Opening day for parks and fields is scheduled for April 1st. Had 7 winter events in Feb, mostly ice related. Working on refurbishing the old EOC and upgrades to the senior center. The fiber line going to the cell tower behind the FD is still on hold until March. New pickup truck is in and being used by Todd.

Brian Czapla: With the mask mandate lifted for the schools, most students and staff are not wearing masks. Won't know effects of this until a couple of weeks. Covid is almost nonexistent in the schools right now, only one or two cases per week. Cases are from outside the school such as from a parent or relative. Every two years we have to do a vulnerability study with Homeland security and that will be coming up soon. This time we will be trained on how to do the study in house. There will be Active Shooter Training with CSP, Somers Police and

surrounding towns, during April Vacation. It will be one day classroom and one day scenario based.

Allison Maynard: A few training/events coming up through Somers Comes Together. Narcan training on 4/6, Underage Drinking seminar in May, and Hidden in Plain Sight class for parents will be scheduled soon. Looking to hold a National Night Out event on the first Tuesday in Aug. Brings together Emergency Services and the community. Attended a conference in DC last month. Looking to get more funding for Somers Comes Together. There is a very competitive grant worth \$125,000.00 for the next 5 years. Based on the needs of the community

IV New Business

Karen Hocking: Presented the annual CERT report (attached) CERT basic class will be held the weekend of March 19th & 20th

Kim Littig: Drug take back day will be held on April 23rd. Most likely at Kibbe Fuller

Glen Reynolds: Planning Meeting for Paul Bowers Tournament will be on Tuesday March 15th at 10:00 at MBA.

V Approval of Minutes:

Dan Thayer made a motion to approve the minutes of the Feb 3rd, 2022 meeting, Todd Rolland seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed.

VI Adjournment

Motion made by Dan Thayer to adjourn, Todd Roland seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 A.M.

Minutes not official until approval at next meeting