

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Emergency Management Director Glen Reynolds at 8:02

II. Members present: Glen Reynolds Todd Rolland, Pete Debrino, Karen Hocking, Anne Cournoyer and John Roache

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

Members Absent: Rob O'Connor, Dan Thayer and Bill Meier

III. OLD BUSINESS

COVID-19 Update:

Andrea Vitrano: Her report is attached. Numbers can be deceiving due to the amount of home tests that are being done not recorded

Alison Maynard: Drug take back event on 4/30 brought in approx. 80 lbs. of medication. Moving forward with Drug Free Community Grant – \$125,000.00/yr. for 5 years, we will find out in August. Hiring a PT youth services coordinator and a social worker for the summer camp.

Kim Littig: Body Cams and dash cams have been ordered. Went with Panasonic/Telrepco. Town is building a server to house all the data in house. Working on a grant that will give us 30% back on the cost of the system. A new cruiser was ordered. There are two great candidates for the open SRO position. Looking to schedule active aggressor training with the FD medics for some time in July. In the process of hiring a new resident trooper. Tim Keeney reached out to CSP to let them know what the towns needs are. Paul Bowers tournament going on this weekend. 3 officers assigned to Saturday and 5 on Sunday. High School Senior parade will be held on Sunday June 12th. Committals are way up.

Todd Rolland: Month of May was quiet as far as storms/weather goes. DPW is in full spring operations. Paint care drop offs are going on here in town. Hazardous Waste collection is going on in Manchester. Food drive was successful with 1,600 lbs. of food and \$200.00 collected and donated to Champs Place. Parks Dept is still down 1 employee.

Glen Reynolds: Todd and I attended the CCM conference. Several good topics were presented. Met the new Ellington EMD. We also attended some training classes including ICS 300 and 400

as well as THIRA and Threat Assessment classes put on by Texas A&M at the Ct. Fire Academy. Vulnerability Assessments were conducted on all the public schools. DHS was with us on the first one at MBA and then gave us the format to follow for the rest of the schools. They were very impressed with the systems that in place for the district. We participated in the statewide EPPI drill, which simulated a Cat. 3 hurricane hitting the state. We opened the EOC and had some of the towns command staff in there discussing what we would do. The high school hosted the NCCC conference track and field event. The event went off very smoothly with very little interruption or congestion around the schools. The timing of the event, 2:00pm, had us concerned with the influx of all the students and parents around the same time as school dismissal. Paul Bowers will be going on this weekend. Looking into NIMS training for CERT as well as town employees. The housing development going in on Eleanor Rd. has requested house numbers to be made, request passed along to CERT.

John Roache: Covid calls are up as well as “spin off” calls such as heart attacks and strokes. In general, our call volume continues to go up. Looking to hire another medic. Dr. Herr is leaving his position at JMH, this leads to uncertainty with what will happen with a new medical director. Lots of events upcoming such as Paul Bowers, Horse show at the fairgrounds and the High School Senior parade.

IV New Business

Tim Keeney: Town has reached a TA with the union on a new contract. Hoping to have the union ratify it and passed by June 16th. Looking into the possibility of starting an Ad Hoc committee for Camp Aya-po. Having a meeting with Stafford selectman regarding the inter-municipality agreement for the fire marshal/building official arrangement. We are aware of issues that may arise with Trinity health (JMH), and we are looking into the possibility of a regional health services agreement with Stafford. Dan Parisi has been hired as the new director for land use, he will start June 20th. One of his first priorities will be to work on a vehicle use policy. Lisa Madden, from the tax dept., has been instrumental in the small business grants program. We have handed out \$460,000.00 to 99 small businesses and 11 nonprofits.

Karen Hocking: Cert has been very busy the past month. Participated in the paint care events at the transfer station, concerts on the green, and the EPPI drill conducted on the 24th. We held our monthly meeting/training in which we did “Stop the Bleed”. We will be helping out at the Paul Bowers tournament this weekend. We will be conducting some in depth shelter training in the next couple of months. Table top/policy review in June and then in we plan on setting up the shelter to familiarize new members with how it’s done.

Anne Cournoyer: Asked a question on the usage of Camp Aya-Po and a discussion followed.

Kim Littig: Rabies Clinic at DPW on June 11th and a Shred It Day at Town Hall on June 18th

Todd Rolland: Discussed the following - fleet vehicles. Online permitting system for Land Use., and Watchaug Road culvert project that will take place this summer.

Alison Maynard: Hartford Foundation is looking for two new members. Their new grant cycle starts July 1st. They are looking for new innovative ideas that will help the town. July 8th in conjunction with the opening of the new splash pad, Somers Comes Together will have an event planned for that evening as well.

Links to NIMS training

- IS-700, Introduction to the National Incident Management System, <https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-700.b>
- IS-800, National Response Framework, An Introduction, <https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-800.d>
- IS-100, Introduction to the Incident Command System, <https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-100.c>
- IS-200, Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, <https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-200.c>

In order to take the test after completing each course, you have to have a FEMA student number. You can register here: <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid/register> for your own number.

V Approval of Minutes:

Todd Rolland made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 7th, 2022 meeting, Karen Hocking seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed.

VI Adjournment

Motion made by Todd Roland to adjourn, Pete Debrino seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 A.M.

Minutes not official until approval at next meeting