

TOWN OF SOMERS
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 2, 2025

8:00 AM at the Fire Station

1. Call to Order:
 - Fire Chief/EMD David Lenart called the meeting to order at 8:12 am.
2. Members' Present:
 - a. Chief/EMD David Lenart, Karen Hocking, Peter Debrino, Trooper Justin Preuss, Superintendent of Highways, Todd Rolland.
3. Non-Members Present:
 - a. Fire Captain Matthew Atwood, BOE Director of Business Services Stephanie Levin, Health Director Jeffrey Catlett, and Human Services Director Matthew Cox.
4. Old Business
 - a. Human Services
 - b. Police – See report
 - c. Fire
 - d. Board of Education
 - e. CERT
 - f. DPW – See report
5. New Business
 - a. General Discussion
6. Approval of September Meeting Minutes
 - Postponed to next month.
7. The next meeting is on November 6, 2025
8. Adjournment
 - Todd Rolland moved to adjourn, David Lenart seconded the motion, all were in favor, the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 am.

Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council
Department of Public Works Report

October 2, 2025

Traffic/Emergency Response/After-hours Callouts:

- 09/12/25. Closed Sunshine Farms Road for the Four Town Fair.
- 09/13/25. Set up/took down road closed and detour signs for the Four Town Fair Parade.
- DPW staff manned two locations during the parade.

Bilton Road Transmitter Site:

- DAS is working on this transfer to the town. Jeff Bord drafted an updated survey map of the parcel. DAS will obtain an appraisal and send us a purchase price for this parcel.

Operation:

- DPW has transitioned to fall operations. Winter equipment preparations are underway.
- Phase 1 of road resurfacing is complete. We milled and paved 6.46 miles of roads.
- 2025 Guide Rail installations and repairs are complete.
- The CT DOT Warning Sign on local roads project is complete. DOT installed new curve ahead signs.
- The CT DOT Speed Limit and School Zone sign project has begun. DOT will replace many local road speed limit and school zone signs.

Facilities:

- Turned on and serviced all building HVAC systems for winter.
- The exterior painting of the Historical Museum has begun.
- Senior Center expansion: The Ad Hoc committee meets monthly. We have hired an architect to draft plans and work with the committee on the design.
- The Village Players (VP) are disbanding. That building is a town building and will become available for use once the VP has moved out. I have received several requests for use. I will seek letters of interest for departments and organizations. The Board of Selectmen will have to decide which group(s) will be given use of the building.

Long-term Projects:

- Landfill Solar. This is on hold pending the closeout of the southern side of the landfill. DEEP has no record of closeout. We are working with Weston and Sampson Engineers to finalize the close-out and submit a report to DEEP for approval.
- Sidewalks project, Phase 1, Vision Blvd, Field Road to Rt. 83, Geissler's to Lake Drive. Fuss & O'Neill Engineers are completing the survey and draft design work.
- Hurds Lake Dam. The Topographic and wetlands delineation work is complete. Karl Acimovic, our Dam Engineer, is working on the repair specifications.
- Rt. 190 & 83 roundabout in the center of town. DOT is working on the final design. They sent us a proposed schedule, which has the construction going out to bid in 2029.
- 19 Field Road, Brownfield. We have applied for the Round 22 grant funding to complete the site assessment work. We should hear if we receive it next year.
- Windwood Circle Bridge. The soil testing is complete. GM2's Engineers are working on the design.
- Maple Street Bridge. We approve the design. Shelley Plude of SLR Engineers has sent it to DOT for approval. We anticipate holding a public hearing this winter.
- Kibbe Grove bridge. DOT's semi-annual testing revealed deterioration on both sides of the bridge. I have Michael Brady of GM2 engineering looking into whether this bridge will qualify for federal funding.