

**Town of Somers  
Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council  
Thursday, September 5, 2019  
8:00 A.M.  
Fire Station  
Meeting Minutes**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Acting Emergency Management Director Jeff Bord at 8:00 A.M.

Members in attendance were Charles Daniel Thayer Jr., Karen Hocking, John Roache, Peter DeBrino, Michael Hevey, Brian Czapla and Todd Rolland.

Also in attendance were Paula LaFrance, Bud Knorr, William Boutwell, Kim Littig and Steve Jacobs.

**II. OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**III. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Lost Hiker on Soapstone Mountain: John Roache gave a brief report with the hiker that was missing on Soapstone Mountain the second week of August. The Connecticut State Police conducted the search and the hiker was found off of the trail after searching for couple of days.
2. Emergency Medical Service: John Roache gave a description of reported on the progress of the EMS operation.
3. Emergency Supplies: Todd Rolland reported that we have 1,100 MRE's and 2,200 bottles of water.
4. Town Building Generators: Todd Rolland spoke about the Towns generators and that a new generator has been installed at the E.O.C. Todd recommended that if funding becomes available a generator should be installed at the Somers Town Hall.

5. Radio Station Messages: Dan Thayer spoke about messages that Chris Boucher and Todd Rolland had recorded on the laptop computer at the E.O.C. A test/trial run on the radio was recommended in the future.
6. Antenna at Johnson Memorial Hospital: Dan Thayer spoke about the existing tower at the hospital and that the Town needs to find a new location for a new tower owned and maintained by the Town. Todd Rolland and Dan Thayer have researched possible locations for a new tower and came up with a spot on Bilton Road presently owned by the State of Connecticut. Jeff Bord has prepared a possible lot layout consisting of 3.0 acres which will to be proposed to the State.
7. CERT Update: Karen Hocking gave a CERT Update. There will be a search and rescue presentation and demonstration by Marian Beland and her dog at the September 11, 2019 CERT meeting. Karen spoke about the live shelter drill on October 16, 2019 at the Somers High School.
8. Future Somers EPAC Emergency Scenario:
9. Around the table general committee discussion: John Roache spoke about a large scale drill at the Cybulski Correction Facility in November. Vests will be ordered for the EMS personnel for future emergency events so they would be protected and could treat the injured after the area is secured by the Police during incident.

#### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Dan Thayer made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2019 meeting, Mike Hevey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor, the motion passed.

#### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

Dan Thayer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Todd Rolland seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 A.M.

**MINUTES ARE NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVAL AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING**