

Town of Somers  
Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council  
Thursday, February 7, 2020  
8:00 A.M.  
Fire Station  
Meeting Minutes

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Emergency Management Director Glen Reynolds at 08:00

Members in attendance were Todd Rolland, Michael Hevey, Chris Boucher, Karen Hocking, Ann Logan, Dan Thayer, John Roache, and Jeff Board

Also in attendance were Paula LaFrance, Kim Littig, Jim MacFeat, Steve Jacobs, and Bill Boutwell

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

1. CERT Shelter Drill – Last drill was very successful. Looking to plan for the drill a little earlier than we did last year.
2. Cybulski Drill – Cancelled by the prison. They were not ready and wanted to work on a few things on their end. Will look to reschedule in the future. Osborn Prison has also reached out to conduct a large scale drill as well.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

1. CERT Report – Karen Hocking presented the 2019 year-end report. There were 367 ½ hours worked by the group. This is an increase of 100 hours from 2018. There are 13 active members and we are continuing to look for opportunities for our members to help out. Next CERT meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at the EOC.
2. General Discussion
  - a. Todd Rolland mentioned that we are having a mild winter so far and the DPW has only had to go out a few times for plowing and sanding.
  - b. Trooper Hevey reminded the group to pass the word along to lock your vehicles. Numerous vehicles have been gone through and items taken.
  - c. Dan Thayer asked about the Bilton Road site for a cell tower. Chief Roache said it is a work in progress and a proposal will be drawn up and presented to Bud Knorr. He asked for me, as the new EMD, to explain to

the group my hours and chain of command. I explained that I will be in the EOC 1 day a week for 12 hours and that Bud Knorr is my supervisor while I'm acting in the capacity as the EMD. All other times, Chief Roache is my supervisor.

- d. Chief Roache brought up the Tolland Dispatch has a new radio procedure in place. We are now operating on a TAC Channel on larger events. Should not affect the majority of our calls. He also stated the Paramedic program is going very well. ASM, who was the paramedic in the area, has downgraded their coverage times. They have gone from 24/7 coverage to 10am – 10pm 7 days a week. This has caused an increase in volume of calls for us.
- e. Steve Jacobs spoke about the latest information on the Coronavirus. Basically under the North Central Plan we would be on our own to handle any widespread outbreak. He also mentioned to need for a POD plan drill and the need to update that plan.
- f. Jeff Bord spoke about a Cyber Attack drill that he attended. It was based on a wide spread power outage, where 1/3 of the population needed to use the shelter. It was well attended and a very good drill. On April 1<sup>st</sup>, State DOT will be closing Turnpike Rd in the area of Battle Street for work on the culvert. Detours will be publicized ahead of time. The work can take up to 120 days.
- g. Todd Rolland asked about updated flood maps. Steve Jacobs stated they are several years out. The mill area is now out of the flood plain. Hopefully this will help with the areas future development.
- h. Chief Roache asked when the 190 paving project would be starting up again. Jeff Bord stated that they are waiting for consistent warmer temperatures for the asphalt plants to open. The pump station project should not be much longer to finish.
- i. Todd Rolland stated that the fire hydrant project for the fire station should be starting around March 1<sup>st</sup> and that Ladd Construction was awarded the bid for the project.

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

Dan Thayer made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2019 minutes, Todd Rolland seconded. A vote was taken and all were in favor, motion passed.

#### V. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Todd Rolland to adjourn the meeting, Dan Thayer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 A.M.

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