

Town of Somers  
Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council  
Thursday, April 2, 2020  
8:00 A.M.  
Virtual Meeting Minutes

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Emergency Management Director Glen Reynolds at 8:03

**II. Members present:** Glen Reynolds Todd Rolland, John Roache, Karen Hocking, Brian Czapla, Jeff Bord and Peter DeBrino

Also in attendance were Paula LaFrance, Kim Littig, Bill Boutwell, Jim MacFeat and Allison Maynard

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

COVID-19 Update:

Glen Reynolds: Reported that cases are on the increase. Currently 2,571 cases with 36 fatalities in the state. Somers has 4 confirmed cases with 1 fatality. Chief and I met had a virtual conference with the prisons on Tuesday to discuss response plans. Spoke with Brooke Hawkins in regards to how things are going at Woodcrest and offered any support that we can.

Chief Roache: Overall calls are down, however the patients we are seeing are of a more serious nature. We have transported around 12 patients who were symptomatic.

Karen Hocking: CERT is available to help out but please keep in mind that some of their members are in the higher risk category.

Brian Czapla: Distance learning is going well. Access to schools must go through Superintendent. There is one person in each school office from 8am – noon on weekdays to maintain some continuity. Serving meals to families who want them on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 9am – 11am. Serving about 200 meals per day. Nothing new as far as a new target open date.

Todd Rolland: Operating normally. Working on projects. We are good with PPE for now. Town buildings are still getting cleaned and sanitized. Field road park is still open, will keep a close eye on number of people in the park. Bathrooms have been locked however porta potties are in. New signs posted throughout the park in regards to social distancing.

Kim Littig: PD is operating normally and at full staff. SRO's are now working on patrol. Troop C is operating normally with no known issues.

Jeff Bord: Land use is working remotely however staff is still going in and conducting inspections and issuing permits.

Allison Maynard: There has been a significant increase in calls for assistance. Energy assistance that ends April 13th has been extended until June. Purchased gift cards at Geisslers to hand out to families in need. Meals on Wheels will transfer over to the schools due to Hometown Kitchen losing a supplier. Right now they have 18 clients.

#### **IV New Business**

Karen Hocking reported that CERT had a meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup> and worked on the reflective address labels. Glen was present to administer the Oath so members present were sworn in for another year.

#### **V Approval of Minutes:**

Dan Thayer made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2020 meeting, John Roache seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed.

#### **VI Adjournment**

Motion made by Dan Thayer to adjourn, John Roache seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30A.M.