

Town of Somers
Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council
Thursday, September 3, 2020
8:00 A.M.
Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Emergency Management Director Glen Reynolds at 8:00

II. Members present: Glen Reynolds Todd Rolland, John Roache, Karen Hocking, and Bud Knorr

Also in attendance were Steve Jacobs, Allison Maynard, Bill Boutwell, and Kim Littig

III. OLD BUSINESS

COVID-19 Update:

Steve Jacobs: August had 1 new case in. Possible case pending in schools. Looking into the possibility of a vaccination clinic. Will have another meeting next week to discuss ideas. Good time to review the POD plan as well.

Chief Roache: Covid related calls are down. Prison still has cases but very little information coming out from them.

Kim Littig: SRO's are getting ready to go back to schools. Threat assessment done on all schools with Homeland Security.

Todd Rolland: Building cleaning is still on going. All plastic and barriers are up and departments are happy with them.

Bill Boutwell: Staff will be back on Monday and the students will be back next Tuesday. Bus usage is expected to be way down. There is a lot of mandated training for teachers, staff and students. Tremendous amounts of work being done behind the scenes.

Allison Maynard: Narcan training being held at the end of the month. Ice cream social event being held today outside Kibbe Fuller. Long Term Recovery Committee update – survey sent to residents – 75% of responses felt town is handling it well. Communication seems to be the biggest complaint. Working on finding a better way to communicate with residents.

Budd Knorr: There was attempt to set up a day care at the Congregational Church but they were not able to do so. Senior Center will remain closed until further notice.

IV New Business

CERT Update

Karen Hocking: CERT was here at the station helping to run the cooling/charging station in the days following the storm. We will be having a meeting later in the month.

Todd Rolland: Jeff Bord is retiring. I have been appointed the Deputy EMD. Chris Boucher is leaving for the private sector on September 15th. Still doing some storm cleanup around town. Senior Center generator project is almost complete. Looking into STEEP grant for a generator for Town Hall.

Budd Knorr: Farewell lunch for Jeff Bord today at Town Hall.

John Roache: We have updated the town maps. Also having more made up and laminated so we can use them for the next storm. Working on letter for the tower site on Bilton Road. TN Dispatch has direct access to the Eversource ticket system. New system is based on house numbers not pole numbers. Working on ways to publish/promote house numbering program. Completed tactical training at high school. Very beneficial training.

Karen Hocking: Friends of the library will be having a book sale event. Several dates in September. Proper social distancing requirements will be followed.

Glen Reynolds: Weekly PPE pickup has stopped. If anyone knows of a business that needs masks, gowns or thermometers please send them my way. School inspections were done with no major issues found. Fire Department is on different phone system than the rest of the town. Looking to upgrade so we can forward calls from station to EOC during larger storm events when CERT is activated and EOC is open.

Kim Littig: Still have an issue with camera at the library. Todd Rolland will reach out to company to work on getting issue resolved.

V Approval of Minutes:

Todd Rolland made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 6th, 2020 meeting, John Roache seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed.

VI Adjournment

Motion made by Todd Rolland to adjourn, John Roache seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 A.M.