Town of Somers
Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council
Thursday, November 5, 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, Dan Thayer, John Roache, Karen Hocking, Brian Czapla, and Bud Knorr

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

III. OLD BUSINESS

COVID-19 Update:

Steve Jacobs: State issued vaccination plan is out. When a vaccine comes out decimated through pharmacies. If we elect to have our own in town, those expenses are reimbursable. It is in our best interest to follow the states lead and le the pharmacies handle, they are already equipped to do so. Governor's latest directive rolls us back to Phase II. Mainly going to affect restaurants.

Chief Roache: Covid calls are going back up. Cases in nursing homes and prisons seem to be on the rise as well. We received a decent shipment of wipes. If any department needs some please let us know. We also still have plenty of PPE on hand

Kim Littig – Town is hiring 2 new officers.

Todd Rolland: Election went very well. Everyone involved to a great job. DPW is gearing up for the winter. In discussions with neighboring towns about what to do if employees get Covid and need assistance with plowing. Possibility of extending routes into other towns to assist.

Brian Czapla: October was a good month for the schools. There were a couple of cases (adults not students) Elementary school is back to full in person instruction. Middle and high schools continuing hybrid model. Parents are doing well notifying us and pulling students out of school if they are exposed while participating in sports. We are anticipating a surge with the current conditions in the state and surrounding areas. State has approved remote learning for snow days. We are in need of substitute teachers. Please pass the word along

Allison Maynard: LTRC has a meeting next week. Haven't meet in a few weeks due to schedule conflicts and the election. We continue to see people who are in need of assistance. State

reopened fund to help with housing expenses for those in need. We have partnered with Stafford and will start offering clinical work next week. We are looking to the community renewal team to handle meals on wheels in the future.

Bud Knorr: Thanked all for their assistance with the election. Thanked Allison for working with Stafford to be able to offer clinical services to the town. Budget process will be beginning soon.

IV New Business

Karen Hocking: CERT team had a meeting/training week. Had 2 CERT members help out during the election.

V Approval of Minutes:

Todd Rolland made a motion to approve the minutes of the Sept. 1st, 2020 meeting, Dan Thayer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed.

VI Adjournment

Motion made by Dan Thayer to adjourn, Todd Rolland seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 A.M.