

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Emergency Management Director Glen Reynolds at 8:04

II. Members present: Glen Reynolds Todd Rolland, Dan Thayer, Karen Hocking, Brian Czapla, and Mike Hevey

Also in attendance were Steve Jacobs, Allison Maynard, Bud Knorr Paula LaFrance, Bill Meier, and Kim Littig

III. OLD BUSINESS

COVID-19 Update:

Steve Jacobs: Cases are on the rise. 18 new this week. 130 residential cases and 291 DOC cases brings us to a total of 491. Numbers are expected to increase due to Thanksgiving. CDC has changed their travel guidelines – 7 day quarantine with a negative test or 10 day quarantine with no test. Vaccines are due out by the 3rd week of December. They will be given out in a tiered system. First Responders are in Tier 1A. Executive Order 9N puts authorizes the town to issue large fines for businesses who egregiously violate the orders. Fines could reach \$10,000.00. We are in need of contact tracers if you know of anyone send them my way.

Bud Knorr: Based on the new recommendations from the state we will moving all meetings from in person to zoom. Town hall will be locked, a buzzer installed and may be accessed by appointment only at this time. Everyone will be in and working.

Mike Hevey – Fingerprinting at our office has stopped. Referring those who need it to Troop C in Tolland. They are done 7 days a week at 7am, 3pm and 11pm. Pistol permits applications are up we are at 120 so far. Have a new F/T officer, Chris Powers. Stuff a Cruiser is going on in front of our office for another week or so. Assigning an officer to the COVID testing at DPW to assist with traffic so it doesn't back up onto Egypt Rd.

Todd Rolland: Wind event this past weekend. Possibly another one on Saturday. Town Hall generator project was approved and is slated to be a spring/summer project.

Brian Czapla: School is still in session. Small spike this week but all students were remote so no impact to schools. There hasn't been any recent transmissions in the schools at all, everything has been outside/distance learners. We are doing well for substitute teachers.

Allison Maynard: Clinic ran yesterday and 101 people went through. We will continue running it as long as we see the need. Seeing more people out of work or underemployed. We have had a great response from the community with donations to our fund. Organizers of the scarecrow contest gave us a check for \$3,700. We will continue the toy distribution program. Starting next week we will only be allowing one person in at a time.

IV New Business

Karen Hocking: CERT team helped out during the election. CERT instructor training class next month. Our grant for CERT team gear was approved.

Dan Thayer made a motion to accept the 2021 Meeting Schedule. Todd Rolland seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed.

V Approval of Minutes:

Dan Thayer made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 5th, 2020 meeting, Todd Rolland 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.