

Town of Somers
Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council
Thursday, January 7, 2021
8:00 A.M.
Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Emergency Management Director Glen Reynolds at 8:12

II. Members present: Glen Reynolds Todd Rolland, Dan Thayer, John Roache, Mike Hevey, Karen Hocking, Brian Czapla, Bill Meier and Anne Cournoyer

Also in attendance were Bud Knorr, Steve Jacobs, Bill Boutwell, Paula LaFrance, and Kim Littig

III. OLD BUSINESS

COVID-19 Update:

Steve Jacobs: Updated numbers for the town show a spike. 25 new cases this week. Total residential cases for the town is now at 324. DOC are difficult to obtain. Adding some and taking away others makes it difficult to get a solid number. Chief Roache has been assigned to be the VAMS coordinator for the town. Deb Hardy has been hired as a contract tracer. 20 of the larger health districts will be conducting vaccine clinics. This should help alleviate some of the waiting to get the vaccine.

Chief Roache: Hired two new part time paramedics. Explained the VAMS system. All FD members who want vaccine have been allowed to register in the system. There are still members who do not want it at this time. Seems like several members have had some minor reactions to the shot. JMH has both vaccines.

Todd Rolland: Buildings are open by appointment only. DPW has been fairly quiet. Some flooding issues after the last rain storm in the typical places that normally flood.

Brian Czapla: Schools are still in session. SES full in person, MBA and SHS hybrid. We are prepared to change if the need arises. There have been several new cases reported but they were during the break and happened outside of the school. Focusing on vaccine for teachers and staff. Working with North Central Health District to hold a clinic on campus. Ellington Urgent care is willing to help out as well. Looking for clarification on the definition of "teacher" in the 1B section. Hoping that it will include support staff.

Mike Hevey – All officers are still working. Been given the go ahead for the vaccine. All officers have been loaded into VAMS and are 2 weeks out from getting first vaccine.

Kim Littig - Town is hiring 2 new officers, Chris Powers and Kevin Mulry. Both are retired troopers and have great amount of expertise and experience. Fingerprinting on hold, sending everyone to Troop C. Nothing major as far as cases go.

Bud Knorr: Uptick in visitors coming to Town Hall without an appointment. Would like to welcome the following new hires – Officers Chris Powers and Kevin Mulry at the PD, Deputy Recreation Director Maureen Parsell and Matthew Putnam in Land Use.

IV New Business

Karen Hocking: CERT has been pretty quiet lately. Continue to work on the address signs as requests come in.

V Approval of Minutes:

Todd Rolland made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 3rd, 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 8:35 A.M.