

Town of Somers
Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council
Thursday, March 4, 2021
8:00 A.M.
Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Emergency Management Director Glen Reynolds at 8:02

II. Members present: Glen Reynolds Todd Rolland, Dan Thayer, Mike Hevey, Karen Hocking, Pete DeBrino, Bill Meier and Anne Cournoyer

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

III. OLD BUSINESS

COVID-19 Update:

Steve Jacobs: Week ending 2/20 we had 10 active cases, with the current numbers we're moving out of the red and hopefully into the yellow next week. Total cases to date 549 residential and 325 DOC. New phase will add those 55 and older, educators and day care workers. Expecting a big back log in the beginning. Typically lessens as the sign up rush subsides. If our numbers continue to drop the selectman can consider opening services back up.

Allison Maynard: We have run three successful vaccine clinics in town. We had a clinic which had 44 doses earlier in the month, one at town hall last week that gave out 140 doses, and 109 teachers/staff were vaccinated yesterday at the school. We are looking for employees to volunteer at the Vernon call center. Our residents have been able to go there and they are looking for us to help out with calls. Looking to partner with Ellington urgent care to host more clinics here in town. Covid testing is still taking place on Wednesdays at DPW from 9a-noon. However it has slowed down considerably so we probably stopping that service soon.

Chief Roache: Covid calls are down. 2/3 of the FD staff have been vaccinated. Our staff are available to help out as needed during the vaccine clinics.

Mike Hevey – We had several car break in attempts yesterday morning. We were following the reports around town for about an hour.

Kim Littig - We are looking to run a town campaign to encourage people to lock their cars. Still sending those looking for fingerprints to Troop C in Tolland. Pistol permit requests are still on the rise.

Todd Rolland: We had 22 weather events this winter, we typically average 26. Wind storm on Monday was the latest. Caused a few roads to be closed.

Bill Boutwell: The vaccine clinic went well and was well received. All staff who wanted one was able to get one.

IV New Business

Karen Hocking: CERT had an in person meeting/training session last week at DPW. We had a generator safety class. We have had 25 requests for the reflective address signs. Our roster has been updated. CERT was able to help out at the first vaccine clinic. 4 members will also be helping out in Vernon next week.

Mike Hevey - Asked if there was a particular grant writer for the town or how departments went about writing grants that fit multiple departments. Discussion followed and consensus was that each department took care of their own grants.

Steve Jacobs - Town has free Radon kits still available.

V Approval of Minutes:

Todd Rolland made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 4th, 2021 meeting, Mike Hevey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed.

VI Adjournment

Motion made by Todd Rolland to adjourn, Mike Hevey seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 A.M.