

Town of Somers
Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council
Thursday, April 1st, 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, Mike Hevey, Karen Hocking, Pete DeBrino, Brian Czapla and Anne Cournoyer

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

III. OLD BUSINESS

COVID-19 Update:

Steve Jacobs: 560 total residential cases. Down to about 5-7 a week and now in the yellow category. 80% of those 65 and older have been vaccinated. Need to promote vaccine to the next group that's up which is 16 and older

Allison Maynard: Clinics are going very well. Pulling names of the waiting list to send them to Vernon. 2nd Dose for the teachers and staff will be done today. With the American Rescue Plan on the horizon we will be looking on how to use that money from the federal government.

Brian Czapla: All schools are back to full in person. Slight spike in student cases however they have all been associated with outside events. School transmission remain very low. A little concerned over April vacation due to the travel mandates now being recommendations.

Chief Roache: About 50 of the 85 members have been vaccinated. Everyone who wants one has received one. There has been a drop in Covid related calls however overall calls are up 35%

Mike Hevey: With schools all back in session there has been an increase in traffic at the schools. Looking into different options to help alleviate the issues. All officers who wanted vaccine have received it. Somers Comes Together Drug Take Back Event on Sat April 24th. We have one officer retiring at the end of the month. Looking at various companies for body cameras. Many options but looking at a cloud based server and probably a lease program rather than buy, that way we can get the latest and greatest equipment.

Kim Littig: Fingerprints are being done in the office again. Officer Snow's last day will be April 26th. Please keep Officer Mazza in your thoughts as he deals with a health issue.

Todd Rolland: As we are back to Phase 3, buildings are opening back up. Senior Center will have a cap of 15. Recreation fields are open as of today. All organizations have submitted plans on how they are going to handle the season and restrictions. The Paul Bowers Lacrosse Tournament will not take place this year. In March we had four wind storms, we had some roads closed temporarily. Contractors will be back out on Turnpike Rd. finishing up the bridge and culvert.

IV New Business

Karen Hocking: CERT had an in person meeting/training last week. Ray Stoval, from the FD did a review of Stop the Bleed and First Aid. We have three new members who attending the virtual training class. We continue to have members helping out in the Vernon call center.

John Roache: FD is offering an EMR class. 8 weeks and will be done in house for anyone who is interested

V Approval of Minutes:

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

VI Adjournment

Motion made by Todd Rolland to adjourn, Dan Thayer seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 A.M.