

Town of Somers
Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council
Thursday, June 3rd, 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, Bill Meier and Anne Cournoyer

Also in attendance were: Allison Maynard, Paula LaFrance, and Kim Littig

III. OLD BUSINESS

COVID-19 Update:

Steve Jacobs: Absent from meeting but numbers from his last email were reported - Things continue to improve around the state and in Somers, so I'll be going to bi-weekly reports unless there are objections. We have had only 2 reported new cases in the past two weeks, although the Case Map still has us in the 5-9/100K with older cases being entered into the system. Totals to date are Res: 651 DOC: 360. Vaccine rates continue to improve. Somers is now slightly above state average at 45% fully vaccinated.

Allison Maynard: We have run 5 or 6 successful vaccine clinics. There was one at the school a few weeks ago that was well attended and a smaller one put on by North Central Health District held at the Somers Congregational Church. Due to the vaccine being so readily available we will most likely not holding any more clinics. Social services for residents is going well. Not a lot of requests. Aid programs have been extended so that is probably the reason why people haven't been reaching out.

Mike Hevey: Officer Chris Snow has retired. We are working on purchasing a new cruiser. We are also reviewing and going over options for body cams. They will be required by 2022 but we are looking to have them online by the fall. Due to increased activity at Camp Aya-Po we will be having "foot patrols" up there to monitor the activity. Calls are returning to normal. The SRO's will be attending a training session on Mental Health in an educational setting. Scott Mazza should be coming back to work in late June/early July. Pistol Permit request continue to be through the roof.

Todd Rolland: We had a few wind events in April and May. The recreation office has been moved from the DPW building to Kibbe Fuller on Main St. Summer camps have been scheduled and are moving forward. The splash pad construction at Connor's Place has started. Battle St

will be milled and paved starting June 9th. Stafford Road was completed last week. As Mike has mentioned there has been a lot of activity at Aya-Po.

IV New Business

Karen Hocking: CERT has been very active lately. We have 3 new members that went through and completed the CERT training program. We have assisted with many events in town including the DPW Fill A Truck Food Drive, Paint collection event at the transfer station, Senior Day at Field Road Park, and several of the Cultural Commission Concerts. Several of our members took the ATSSA Flagger Certification Class.

Allison brought up the Hartford Foundation Survey and how the money could be rewarded. Top five at the moment are Outdoor Recreation, Mental health, After School Activities, Small Business Development and A Farmers market. The deadline to apply is July 15th 2021.

Mike Heavy brought up the senior parade that will be happening on Sunday June 3th and High School Graduation on Wednesday June 16th

Anne Cournoyer updated the group as to what the LTRC has been working on and went over the recommendations that they group made to the selectman.

V Approval of Minutes:

Dan Thayer made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 1st, 2021 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 Roland seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 A.M.