

Town of Somers  
Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council  
Thursday, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022  
8:00 A.M.  
Meeting Minutes

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Emergency Management Director Glen Reynolds at 8:00

**II. Members present:** Glen Reynolds Todd Rolland, John Roache, Dan Thayer, Karen Hocking, Rob O'Connor and Anne Cournoyer

Also in attendance were: Tim Keeney, Stephanie Levin, Andrea Vitrano and Kim Littig

**Members Absent:** Bill Meier, Brian Czapla, and Pete Debrino

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

COVID-19 Update:

Andrea Vitrano: Gave the health department update. Her report is attached.

John Roache: FD responded to 227 calls in January. Big spike in COVID calls at the beginning of the month. Other types of serious medical calls are up as well. Staffing is getting better, one medic back from military deployment. Getting together with Dan Thayer to prioritize radio need list so we can place an order. Continuing to see supply issues with meds and medical supplies, not only availability but price increases as well.

Kim Littig: Calls for the PD are increasing. Medical assists are way up. Three officers were out with COVID but have since returned. Down one cruiser. The 2021 that was ordered is now in production. Being told a 30 month lead time on any new vehicle order. Our officers will be doing some training with the Stafford officers. Recently turned in a drug collection box and it weighted 217 lbs. Had a meeting at the library about their status during a lockdown at the schools – Waiting on quote back from the alarm company. FD provided us with some new Narcan. Looking to install an alarm on the garage portion of the building. Pistol Permits requests/processing is up.

Todd Rolland: We had 12 winter events last month. Staffing issues due to COVID – 4 FT's out right now. Part time hires are not working out. Hire them and when it comes time to work they say they are not interested. Working on getting quotes to refurbish the old EOC into office space for social services and upgrades to the senior center. The fiber line going to the cell tower behind the FD is on hold until March. All town generators have been serviced.

Stephanie Levin: Significant decline in COVID cases at the end of the month. Rolling 7 day average 19 @ SES, 11 @ MBA, and 5 @ SHS. There is a new system in place to notify families of close contacts. Boiler RFP went out, 7 vendors showed up, looking like a 22-30 week lead time for new boilers. The rental is a significant impact on the current budget and it is not in the budget for next year. HVAC study will be done next week. Generator transfer switch went to CIP

Allison Maynard (via email): Vaccine Clinic at Town Hall next week on Feb 9<sup>th</sup> from 9-noon

#### **IV New Business**

Karen Hocking: CERT assisted with the 3 distribution events in January. All gear and equipment have been moved to the FD. Holding a basic CERT class at the FD on March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Our next meeting will be Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>

Glen Reynolds: Explained about the test and mask kit distributions that took place in January. Thanked everyone for their help with those distributions.

Anne Cournoyer: Gave an update as to where the LTRC is and that they are looking for various town groups to come in and help support and offer ideas with the next phase.

John Roache: Announced that the department will be holding a couple of training sessions for their members. Human Trafficking and Mental Health for the first responders. Depending if there is space available, others groups will be able to take the classes. Also mentioned that Team Rubicon is available to come out and help with the cleanup process after a storm. They have an office in CT.

#### **V Approval of Minutes:**

Dan Thayer made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 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 9:07 A.M.

**Minutes not official until approval at next meeting**