

Town of Somers
Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council
Thursday, April 7, 2022
8:00 A.M.
Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Emergency Management Director Glen Reynolds at 8:01

II. Members present: Glen Reynolds Todd Rolland, Dan Thayer, Karen Hocking, Pete DeBrino, John Roache and Anne Cournoyer

Also in attendance were: Stephanie Levin, Andrea Vitrano, Paula LaFrance, Brian Wissinger and Kim Littig

Members Absent: Rob O'Connor and Bill Meier

III. OLD BUSINESS

COVID-19 Update:

Andrea Vitrano: Covid Numbers continue to decrease. Report attached to the minutes.

Chief Roache: Calls have been very sporadic. We can go hours without a call and then we can get multiple calls in a matter of minutes. Having some staffing issues. Radio meeting with Tolland Dispatch, on Monday 4/11. We will be discussing the future and where we will be going with the radio system. We will most likely be moving our radio antenna from the top of JMH to the new radio tower that is up there.

Kim Littig: Active aggressor training will be held in the schools on 4/13 & 4/14. We will be training with CSP, Ellington and Stafford officers. Unfortunately, the FD medics will not be allowed to participate in training. Working on a date over the summer where they can be involved. Scams are on the rise, we will be putting on some training, later in the month, at the senior center as well as social media posts warning residents. Also advising residents to bring mail into the post office instead of using the blue mailboxes on the outside. Mail is being stolen and checks are being "washed" and then cashed illegally. Pistol permits continue to be on the rise. One of our officers will be going from full to part time, Trooper O'Connor will be retiring soon as well. Still looking to hire and SRO. DEA drug take back day will be at the end of the month.

Stephanie Levin: The boiler project started this week. Hoping for the new ones in July. BOF asked to have the air handler project to move forward. Conducting a district wide lockdown drill later today. Slight spike in COVID cases at MBA. All other schools are much lower than

expected. Superintendent search is underway. Brian has agreed to stay on until a replacement is found.

Todd Rolland: DPW is in full spring operations. Fields are open and being used. March had 3 winter events – wind and ice. The old EOC is done and being used. Senior center construction has been approved. Presenting several items at the BOS meeting tonight. One of our full times handed in his resignation so we are back to having staffing issues as well.

IV New Business

Karen Hocking: CERT has been very busy lately. Put on a Basic CERT class. Had 10 participants with a possibility of 6 of them joining our team. Members have attended several training classes lately including the Mental Health for First Responders and Narcan classes. Held out meeting/training session in March. Talked about online security and scams.

John Roache: New protocol coming out may require us to leave Narcan at the scene of an overdose. This will be done at the cost of the service.

The Mobil station was shut down by DEEP due to some major violations.

Glen Reynolds: Paul Bowers Lacrosse Tournament will be the weekend of June 4th & 5th

V Approval of Minutes:

Dan Thayer made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2nd 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, Pete DeBrino seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 A.M.