

Town of Somers  
Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council  
Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
8:00 A.M.  
Meeting Minutes

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Emergency Management Director Glen Reynolds at 8:05

**II. Members present:** Glen Reynolds, Todd Rolland, Karen Hocking, Trooper Justin Preuss, Allison Maynard, Anne Cournoyer and Dan Thayer

Also in attendance were: Dan Parisi, Andrea Vitrano, and Stephanie Levin

**Members Absent:** Paul Gagliarducci

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

Sanitarian/Health/COVID: Andrea Vitrano – Report is attached. Covid vaccine rates are dropping. Mainly due to everyone being a year out and needing boosters. Waning public interest is also a cause. Home Radon kits are available at town hall for residents.

Social Services: Allison Maynard – 122 kids benefited from the Christmas Program (stuff a cruiser/toy drive). There has been a big uptick in families needing energy assistance, up 20% from last year. Rockville Bank and Beverly Roberts made very generous donations to help keep that fund going. The Drug Free Community Grant school survey will be going out (MBA and SHS) on January 11<sup>th</sup>. This survey will drive the direction in which the program will go. Looking to hire the prevention coordinator at tonight's selectman's meeting

Police: Trooper Preuss – Monthly and YTD report is attached. Stuff a cruiser was very successful. Glock transition for officers is nearly complete. Attended safety meeting at Sonny's Place with FD and EM. Talked about plans for upcoming season. They are very interested in the threat assessment that is done by Homeland Security.

Public Works: Todd Rolland – Holiday Fest went very well. Upcoming informational meetings on the Community Center 1/13 @9am at the Senior Center and 1/17 @6pm in the town hall auditorium. Catalytic converter stolen off of one of the senior busses. Storm on the 23<sup>rd</sup> – Came in later than predicted. High and middle students made it in to school before the weather turned for the worse. Ended up canceling the elementary school. At the height of the storm approx. 20% of the town was without power. Most were restored within 12 hrs.

Schools: Stephanie Levin – An offer was made and accepted by Sam Galloway to be the next superintendent. He will start April 1<sup>st</sup>. The 2<sup>nd</sup> boiler (high school) was installed. Still waiting on one more to complete the project (Almost a year to finish). Phone system was worked on

during break and when complete there were major issues i.e. the whole system was down. IT put system back to the way it was before and will look into another fix. Reunification meeting was held in mid-December, will have another meeting in January and will be looking to train up admin staff in the spring. Schools will be having a lock down drill in January. Meeting with HVAC designers on 1/17. Having a inclement weather protocol meeting with Todd, Glen, and PD in early January to review if anything could have been done differently on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **IV New Business**

CERT: Karen Hocking - Cert participated in the Holiday Festival on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Had a holiday get together at Ann Logans house. CERT members came in to man the EOC on the 23<sup>rd</sup> for the storm. Holding another Basic CERT class in the spring 3/11 & 3/18. This class will be held in Stafford. The team has doubled in size in the last year or so. Training/Meeting scheduled for January.

Glen Reynolds – Incident at the high school, with a student being locked in the bathroom during a power outage. Seems to be human error but we are looking into something that will work better moving forward.

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

Todd Rolland made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 meeting, Dan Thayer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed.

#### **VI Adjournment**

Motion made by Todd Roland to adjourn, Dan Thayer seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 A.M.

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