

Town of Somers
Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council
Thursday, March 2nd, 2023
8:00 A.M.
Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. Members present: Glen Reynolds, Todd Rolland, Dan Thayer, Karen Hocking, Chief John Roche, Anne Cournoyer, and Trooper Justin Preuss

Also, in attendance were: Kim Littig, Matthew Cox, Andrea Vitrano, Stephanie Levin, and First Selectman Tim Keeney

Members Absent: Superintendent Paul Gagliarducci, and Peter Debrino

III. OLD BUSINESS

Sanitarian/Health/COVID: Andrea Vitrano – Report is attached. State has stopped tracking Covid so that is a good sign.

Human Services: Introduced Matthew Cox to the group

Police: Trooper Preuss – Report Attached – Domestic with shots fired incident in town on Sunday 2/26. No injuries reported and suspect is in custody in Mass. Awaiting extradition back to Ct. Speed Enforcement on hold due to tree work contracts needing officers to work them. MBA had a secure school event last week. Student said he had a gun, there was no gun but incident blew up via students' texting parents. The accountability bill requires an accreditation inspection of policies and procedures, all towns with officers must comply with this, however it is very difficult and very little guidance from the state. We will continue to explore options

Fire: Chief Roache – Had to leave early due to another meeting

DPW: Todd Rolland – 1 wind event and a snow event on the 24th. No accidents reported. Presenting the updated community center to the selectmen next Thursday in preparation in moving it to a referendum. 3/25 will be the Scantic Splash Event

Schools: Stephanie Levin – Looking to put in for a security grant. It can award for past projects going back to 2013. On 3/25, there will be a 1 Mile Fun Run put on for one of the senior's capstone project, Vision blvd. will be shut down.

IV New Business

CERT: Karen Hocking – Held a zoom meeting this month due to the threat of weather. Our group is growing in numbers. Basic CERT class being held 3/18-3/19 in Stafford. Applications are on the town's website. Team now has 2 certified EMR's which can help out more in case of a medical emergency.

Kim Littig – K-9 Search team will be on the schools grounds conducting a drill on an upcoming weekend.

Glen Reynolds – Resigning my positions with the town. Accepted a position with the Town of South Windsor. This will be my last meeting. Thank you to all of you for your support and help over the past few years.

Tim Keeney – Big thank you to Todd and his crews during the last storm. Testified for HB 6664 regarding organic recycling

V Approval of Minutes:

Dan Thayer made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2nd, 2023 meeting, Todd Rolland 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 8:45 A.M.

Minutes not official until approval at next meeting