

Town of Somers
Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council
Thursday, June 1, 2023
8:00 A.M.
Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting called to order by Emergency Management Director Anne Cournoyer at 8:01.

- II. Members present** Trooper Justin Preuss, DPW Director Todd Rolland, CERT Team Leader Karen Hocking, EMD Anne Cournoyer, Fire Chief John Roache and Superintendent of School Dr. Samuel Galloway.

Also in attendance were Sanitarian Andrea Vitrano, Police Administrator Kim Littig.

Members Absent: Dan Thayer, Peter Debrino

III. OLD BUSINESS

Sanitarian/Health/COVID: Sanitarian Andrea Vitrano – Nothing new to report for May.

Police: Trooper Justin Preuss & Administrator Kim Littig – For May, it was reported that there were 1024 calls for service, 12 Accidents, 14 Criminal Investigations, 8 Burglaries that were all car break-ins with one stolen vehicle, 3 Larcenies, 948 non-reportable matters and 4 arrests.

Fire: Chief John Roache - Calls are steady - just under 200 911 responses for May. Happy to announce that FF/EMT John Sarnik and LT/Paramedic Bob Wheeler will be rejoining us as full time employees in June. We are moving forward with our plans to launch a pre-hospital Suboxone program in July. We are working with our radio vendors to see what options we might have to get all the radios working in the EOC area. A few of the radios that had been in there stopped working. Still working with TN and JMH on plans for moving some of our equipment off JMH and onto the new Water Tower. TN is trying to use some grant state bond funding to assist with this project. FD staff will be assisting with the upcoming CERT training. Still active providing First Aid and CPR classes to various town staff and groups. FD has a number of standby events coming up - Bowers, horse show at 4TF, then 4H fair.

DPW: Director Todd Rolland – DPW is in full summer operation. In May we had one tree-down emergency event. The Union Ag / Four Town Fairgrounds Calendar of events was sent out. The Bower's Tournament is this weekend. CERT Schedule for the Bower's and maps were sent out, Saturday, June 10, from 10:00 to Noon is the Dog Clinic at the DPW, Saturday, June 10, from 10:00 to Noon is Shred-it Day in the Town Hall parking lot.

Schools: Dr. Sam Galloway – School will be adjourning for the Middle and High schools on June 9th and June 12th for the Elementary school. Discussed his efforts moving forward to review existing emergency plans with administrators to see where they are and then follow up with the larger emergency management team ie: EMD, Fire and Police later this summer.

CERT: Team Leader Karen Hocking –Somers CERT has grown to 29 members. Another basic CERT class is being held in June for Town Staff at Town Hall from 8:00 AM to Noon over four days, June 5th, 7th, 12th, and 14th. Continue to offer town events assistance as needed.

IV NEW BUSINESS:

Upcoming events:

- a. Saturday – Sunday, June 3-4, Annual Paul Bowers Lacrosse Tournament @ School/Park Complex.

V Approval of Minutes:

Karen Hocking made a motion to approve the May 6th, 2023, meeting minutes, and Todd Rolland seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all were in favor. Motion passed.

VI Adjournment

Trooper Justin Preuss made a motion to adjourn, and Todd Rolland seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 A.M.

The minutes will be official once approved at the next meeting.

