

**TOWN OF SOMERS
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, July 6th, 2023

8:00 AM

Fire Station

1. Call to Order. EMD Anne Cournoyer called the meeting to order at 08:04.
2. Members Present. EMD Anne Cournoyer, Trooper Justin Preuss, Fire Chief John Roache, Superintendent of Highways Todd Rolland, Communications Manager Dan Thayer, and member Peter Debrino.
3. Old Business
 - a. Sanitarian – No report
 - b. Human Services – No report
 - c. Police – 1091 calls for service, 8 traffic accidents, 1 DWI, 17 case reports, 72 traffic stops, 0 burglaries, 0 larcenies, 5 arrests. Noteworthy Investigations: June 22nd, untimely death investigation at Camp Aya Po. SRO's will be attending active shooter training. 6 new rifles were ordered. Ellington and Stafford officers can now work details in Somers which will help with coverage.
 - d. Fire – Cals for service have leveled out but issues are more severe. Recruits are down and department is hurting with low volunteer numbers. Part timers are being pulled to work full time. The testing and training requirements have increased and become more complex. Stafford fire marshal working with Somers. JMH now has ASM ambulance. When available, Stafford takes calls and we take the others. Gong live with suboxone program. We will soon be able to carry O- blood in ambulances for trauma and GI bleeds. We will be one of only five in the state to do so.
 - e. DPW
 - i. DPW is in summer operations,
 - ii. The Aya Po improvements are underway. We are waiting on Eversource to install another pole and electricity to the office/storage trailer. The portlets have been installed for the summer,
 - iii. In June, we had one tree-down event on George Wood Road,
 - iv. The Bowers Tournament went well. We had several CERT folks help with traffic,
 - v. Saturday, June 10, from 10:00 to Noon, we had the Dog Clinic at the DPW,
 - vi. Saturday, June 10, from 10:00 to Noon, we had Shred-it Day in the Town Hall parking lot,
 - f. That same weekend, the 4 town fairgrounds held the Charity Horse Show, with no issues,
 - g. Sunday, June 18th, Father's Day Car Show at the 4-town fair with no issues,
 - h. We paved another 3.5 miles of roads in June.
 - i. Board of Education – No report
 - j. CERT
 - i. CERT day is being held on Saturday, July 15th,

ii. Somers CERT is having its annual picnic on Sunday, July 23,

4. New Business

a. Local Police and Fire/EMS in partnership with Somers Comes Together will be hosting Somers National Night Out on August 1, 2023 from 6-8pm at Connors Place.

5. Approval of Minutes: June 1st, 2023. Todd Rolland motioned to approve the June 1st minutes as written, and Peter Debrino 2nd motion carried.

6. Adjournment. Dan Thayer motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Todd Rolland 2nd motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:54.