

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, October 5, 2023  
8:00 AM  
Fire Station**

1. Call to Order – 8:04am
2. Those Present – Anne Cournoyer, Todd Rolland, Stephanie Levin, Matthew Cox, Dan Thayer, John Roache, Justin Preuss, Kim Littig, Andrea Vitrano

Members Absent: Peter DeBrino

3. Old Business
  - a. Sanitarian – The Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response has announced that free Covid test kits and free testing are now available again due to a surge in Covid cases. In addition, the expiration dates on at home test kits have been extended.
  - b. Social Services – Vernon Center Middle School will be holding a Senior Program on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Heating assistance is in full swing. SS is helping with Scarecrow Festival. Drug Take Back Day is October 28<sup>th</sup> at the Fire station.
  - c. Police – Officers will be attending a three-day training course on the use of the 6 new rifles that were purchased. Reported that there were no major incidents throughout the entire Four Town Fair. Discussed meeting with Committee in advance of next year's fair to review Ops Plan together with emergency management team. BOS approved the hiring of a company to handle the mandated accreditation requirements. Conducting safety training with Social Services staff at Kibbee Fuller.
  - d. Fire – Over 200 calls for service. It is Fire Prevention Month and has had presence at the schools and childcare facilities. Having an Open House on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Fire house got a new phone system. Presented to the BOS the new mandates regarding Cancer/Workers Compensation and preventative measures that need to be implemented that will require major investment by the town to allocate funds for these projects that cannot be covered by grant money.

- e. DPW- Summer operations coming to a close. Managing issues related to the high levels of rain and flooding on Watchhog, King, Durkee, Four Bridges and 9<sup>th</sup> District roads. Waiting for the replacement of transfer switch for generator.
- f. Schools – Waiting for replacement of obsolete parts on generator at high school. SRO's conducted three safety and security trainings for teachers and administrators. Emergency Plans are due to the State on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Those required to sign off on them will be notified prior to that date to read and sign off on them. Buses and routes are under discussion about getting back to community stops. Lockdown drill will be conducted this month.
- g. CERT – CERT Day was held last week in New Haven. Todd Rolland attended. It was a full day of training. CERT will also be conducting a shelter drill on October 25<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm at Somers High School. Community attendance is welcome with pets.

#### 4. New Business

- a. General Discussion – Dan Thayer will test radios in advance of statewide drill being conducted on October 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am-12:00pm.
- 5. Approval of Minutes: September 7, 2023 – Motion to approve offered by Todd Rolland and seconded by Dan Thayer. No opposition, minutes approved.
  - 6. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn offered by Todd Rolland, seconded by Dan Thayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:57am