

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

**Thursday,
February 1, 2024
8:00 AM
Fire Station**

1. Call to Order- 8:06am
2. Members and Guests Present: Tim Keeney, Sam Galloway, Anne Cournoyer, Todd Rolland, John Roache, Karen Hocking, Andrea Vitrano, Kim Littig, Dave Marti
3. Old Business
 - a. Sanitarian- Continuing to conduct inspections, septic and lead complaints
 - b. Social Services – no report
 - c. Police – 834 calls for service, 11 car accidents, 1 injury, 3 DUI's. Speed enforcement grant is still underway. 3-day rifle training coming up. TIMS training in February and will be conducting active aggressive training for staff.
 - d. Fire – 190 calls for services, 2500 calls for service in 2023. PTSD rules took effect providing for 4 years of therapy through workers compensation. Gear washer installed. Exhaust system installation for February. Getting rid of rescue boat to Stafford. Will be do budget presentation to include staffing mandates.
 - e. DPW – 10 winter events. Tree work continues throughout town. Generator transfer switch on order. Will replace roof on fire station this summer. Roundabout moving forward for center of town. Received grant for the brownfield site remediation on Field Rd. DECD took title in January.
 - f. Schools – 1/12 closed school to provide counseling support for staff and students in the aftermath of the tragic fire in Somersville. Lockdown was conducted on 1/25. There are points to improve upon. The high school hosted a legislative breakfast that was very well attended by administrators from other towns.

- g. CERT – Training continues. TIMS training will be held through DOT along with ICS Emergency Command, stop the bleed and CPR.

4. New Business

- a. General Discussion

- b.

Tim Keeney – Fire Department and Union to present budget proposal. Angel fund established in town currently has \$270,000. will continue to stay open. Cash donations are most helpful. There continue to be other fund-raising events throughout town. The community has been extraordinarily generous. The families can draw from the fund as needed.

Dave Marti – Received the records retention policy from the State Library. This policy will be maintained in the Town Clerk's Office. Any questions about the destruction of records can be referred to them. They are the keepers of all land records and title etc.. They were recently audited unannounced. All was in order.

- 5. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve the minutes made by Todd Rolland, seconded by Karen Hocking, motion passes
- 6. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn made by Todd Rolland, seconded by Karen Hocking, motion passes, meeting closed at 8:53am.