

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

**Thursday,  
May 1, 2025, 8:00 AM  
Fire Station**

1. Call to Order: Todd Rolland called the meeting to order at 8:02 am.
2. Members Present: Dan Thayer, CERT Team Leader; Karen Hocking, Peter DeBrino, Fire Chief David Lenart, and Trooper Justin Preuss, Interim EMD / Superintendent of Highways Todd Rolland.

Others in attendance were Fire Department Captain Ray Stovall, Police Administrator Kim Littig, and BOE Director of Business Services Stephanie Levin.

3. Old Business
  - a. Sanitarian: Nothing to report
  - b. Human Services: Please see the attached report.
  - c. Police: Please see the attached report.
  - d. Fire: On drug take-back day, 50 pounds of prescription drugs were received. There have been 807 calls for the year so far. It is bushfire season, and the FD is experiencing more bushfire calls. The Chief and staff are working with the schools to revamp the Cadet Program. Somers residents are still not using the 911 system for emergencies; in fact, 911 calls went down last month. The FD is ramping up training, including live fire training. The cadets created a public safety flyer as a handout. There is a class about the challenges of dealing with lithium batteries. The State Fire Marshal's Office is ramping up food truck inspections.
  - e. Schools: We are scheduling an internal MBA security assessment. The High School generator transfer switch was successfully installed on April 14th. This year's High School graduation is on June 12th.
  - f. CERT: CERT April meeting covered spring hazards. Some members will attend the upcoming Human Trafficking class. A couple of members completed the Traffic Incident Management class held at the Fire Department. Some members will manage parking and traffic at the Bowers' tournament on June 1. CERT Day is on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

- g. DPW: DPW has transitioned fully into spring operations. The Parks Department is in full mowing and athletic field installation, and the Highway Department is in full road paving preparations. Verogy, the vendor installing a solar field on top of the landfill, will begin construction this year. Kibbe Fuller's roof is being replaced now.

#### 4. New Business

- a. General Discussion:

- i. Todd is working with the DOC and DAS to move the purchase of the 3+ acres of property on Bilton Road forward. This sale was approved by the Legislator and signed by the Governor in August 2024. We plan to construct a two-way radio tower on that site. We learned that the hold-up is at DAS. We are working through this.
  - ii. We are still working on moving the Mill project forward.
  - iii. Grammar School project is moving forward.
  - iv. Bowers tournament is on May 31 – June 1.
  - v. We have two openings on EPAC, looking for members.

- 5. Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting: Dan Thayer motioned to approve the April 2025 meeting minutes, Peter Debrino seconded, and there was no objection. The motion passed.

- 6. Adjournment: Dan Thayer motioned to adjourn, Peter Debrino seconded, and there was no objection. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 a.m.