

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
CIVIL PREPAREDNESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
Friday, May 1, 2009  
7:30 a.m.  
Somers Firehouse**

1. **Call to Order:** The Civil Preparedness Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by Joe Tolisano at 7:32 a.m.
2. **Members Present:** Joe Tolisano, David Pinney, Mike Provencher, Bill Boutwell, Frank Falcone, Ed Pagani, Dan Thayer, Terri Henderson, Maynard Suffredini,

Others Present: Bob Cafarelli, Marcia Mitchell (*recording*), Paul Mengel, *Somers Grammar School*, Dr. Segool, *Health Director Town of Somers*, Steve Jacobs, *Sanitarian Town of Somers*

3. **Emergency Response Plan Briefing**

- a. **Swine Flu Update**

Discussed Swine Flu symptoms and current information. Emphasis currently is on good hygiene. Hand sanitizer has been ordered and should be in Somers on Monday or Tuesday. It will be distributed to public places around town. Current information indicates this is an airborne flu that does not survive long on surfaces.

- b. **Current Planned Response**

Dr. Segool shared information about the Swine Flu and the current planned response was discussed. If someone has flu symptoms they would go to their primary care physician. They would swab for flu. Within six hours it can be determined if it is a flu and if it can be typed. If it is the flu and cannot be typed, it is sent to the CDC and confirmation should be made within 3-4 days. Confirmed flu that cannot be typed is probable Swine Flu. If probable flu is present, a discussion between the Health Director and Superintendent would take place and the school will possibly be shut down for a period of 7 days. All public places and recreational activities in town would also be suspended. Dr. Segool stressed information is changing daily and he and Steve Jacobs are briefed daily and will continue to coordinate with Joe Tolisano.

Hospitals have received a stockpile of antiviral drugs. People are encouraged to go to their primary care physician first and avoid emergency rooms unless true emergency. Antivirals are only effective 48-72 hours after onset of symptoms.

Dr. Segool questioned where Somers stockpile would be delivered if the state distributes stockpiles directly. Steve Jacobs and Dr. Segool will follow-up to

determine if this would be done regionally or directly to Somers. Currently no vaccine available.

**c. Town Pandemic Plan Review**

First responders will wear eyewear and N95 masks for any respiratory issues they respond to if the Swine Flu is confirmed in Somers. The patient will also receive a mask immediately. The department will minimize the number of responders to these type of calls to limit exposure.

Joe Tolisano will identify critical tasks for public safety and develop protocol to maintain critical functions with staff available.

Communication will take place through website and reverse 911 if necessary.

M. Suffredini recommended preparing a statement ahead of time, should it be necessary, that would indicate the closing of schools and other extracurricular activities.

**4. Adjournment**

It was MOVED (M. Provencher) and SECONDED (D. Pinney) PASSED (9-0) to adjourn the Civil Preparedness Advisory Committee meeting at 8:20 a.m.

Minutes are not official until approved by Civil Preparedness Advisory Committee.