

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
CIVIL PREPAREDNESS ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
Friday, March 5, 2010  
7:30 a.m.  
Somers Fire House**

1. Call to Order – Emergency Management Director Joseph Tolisano called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.
2. Members Present – Robert Cafarelli, Michael Provencher, Maynard Suffredini, Dan Thayer, Joseph Tolisano. Also present were: Pete DeBrino, Somers CERT; Frank Falcone, Somers FD; Marcia Mitchell (recording); Todd Rolland, Somers Public Works..
3. Emergency Response Plan Briefing
  - H1N1 Briefing – Mr. Tolisano said that, though a third wave of H1N1 cases is predicted, there appears to be little activity at this time. Mr. Tolisano discussed with the council the fact that the Town would be required by the state to join a health district by 2012. The group discussed the pros and cons of this requirement.
  - R-911 issues – status. – Dep. Chief Falcone said that he had attempted to run a test call on R-911 yesterday and the system would not record his message. He is investigating causes, will resolve and send out the test message to Civil Prep members. He requested that the members send him an e-mail acknowledging that they received the test message.
  - CERT update – Mr. DeBrino said that two new volunteers would commence initial training shortly. Somers CERT has received a \$2,000, 6 month grant from CRCOG for supplies and uniforms. Mr. DeBrino applied for and was accepted for one of only 30 seats available for CERT “Train the Trainer” education. He also shared that area CERT teams logged more than 2,000 supporting the recovery from the power plant explosion in Middletown. Finally, Manchester CERT donated a megaphone to Somers CERT.
  - Tabletop Exercise plan – H1N1 clinics served as this year’s tabletop exercise.
5. Approve 2/5/2010 Meeting Minutes – Motion (Mr. Thayer), seconded (Dr. Suffredini) and unanimously voted to approve the 2/5/2010 minutes as written.
6. Adjournment – Motion (Mr. Provencher), seconded (Dr. Suffredini) and unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia L. Mitchell  
Recording Secretary