

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE  
Friday September 10, 2010  
Somers Fire Department  
Minutes**

Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 7:34 AM by Chairman Joe Tolisano

Members present: Joe Tolisano, Paula LaFrance, Todd Rolland, Frank Falcone, Pete DeBrino, Dan Thayer, Doug Minich-recording, Maynard Seffredini. Jim McFeat arrived at approximately 7:45 AM.

Frank Falcone reported that the Somers Fire Department purchased a Zodiac boat for water rescue through donated funds. Mr. Falcone also reported that 4 UHF portable radios will be purchased and programmed for use by DPW (3) and Selectman's office (1). Source of funds will be from 2010 Homeland Security grant. He also reported he has an estimate for antenna installation for \$5,700.00 for three Town buildings; Somers Fire Department, Somers High School and Kibbe Fuller. Mr. Tolisano asked for a further examination of the quote by the vendor, and the elimination of Kibbe Fuller as a location as this building may be used by the Probate Court in the future.

Dan Thayer reported that HAM radios were in and a meeting on proper use will be scheduled.

Cell phone and laptop purchase was discussed and it was agreed to await the introduction of Apple's I-phone in January 2011 for cell phones and laptop requirements are still being determined. Mr. Thayer stated that he needs a portable laptop for the Packet Station, which does not need to be in a hardened case. Mr. Tolisano requested that cell phone and laptop purchases be finalized by the end of the calendar year.

Pete DeBrino requested a locking file cabinet to be kept at the Somers Fire Department for storage of CERT confidential records and equipment. It was determined that DPW has a cabinet that can be put to use with the installation of a new lock.

Shelters were discussed and the use of Red Cross Canteens when necessary. It was suggested that a Memorandum of Understanding be made with the Red Cross and they be asked to do a needs assessment in Somers. Mr. Tolisano will contact Tom Gavaghan to coordinate this.

Dr. Maynard Seffredini suggested an identity sticker, decal or plate to enable Commission member's easy access in crossing police or fire lines in an emergency. Identity plates or placards will be obtained for members at minimum expense. This led to a discussion of the need for identity cards for members and it was determined that there

should be two levels of cards depending on role of the members. Mr. Falcone will pursue more sophisticated cards from CRCOG or other sources for more professional members, Mr. Minich will investigate a simpler card for less professional members.

Mr. DeBrino reported on the CERT update and classes for new members and that interest in CERT is encouraging.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas H. Minich  
Recording Secretary

*Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting*