

**Town of Somers
Civil Preparedness Advisory Council
Special Meeting**

**Friday, December 9, 2011
7:30am
Fire House**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:32 AM.

Members present: SGT Jose Claudio, Chief Gary Scheissl, Deputy PW Director Todd Rolland, Chairman Dan Thayer, Mr. Peter DeBrino, Ms. Kerry Tuttle, and Mr. William Boutwell, representing Dr. Suffredini.

Members absent: Dr. Maynard Suffredini, Mr. Arthur Hoza,

Also present: Mrs. Paula LaFrance, Mr. James MacFeat, and Deputy Chief Frank Falcone.

Old Business

A motion to approve the minutes of the October, 2011 meeting was made by Mr. Rolland, and seconded by Mr. DeBrino. There was no discussion, and the motion was passed by voice vote.

New Business

Mr. Thayer raised the need to adopt a meeting calendar for CY 2012. After discussion of possible date conflicts, it was determined that all meetings would be held on the 1st Friday of each month, with the exception of the April and July meetings, which would be held on the 2nd Friday of those months. A motion to adopt this calendar was made by Mr. Rolland, and seconded by Ms. Tuttle. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by voice vote.

Mr. Thayer welcomed Mr. William Boutwell, who has been a regular attendee at CPAC meetings. Mr. Boutwell has recently been designated by Dr. Suffredini as his voting representative at CPAC meetings when Dr. Suffredini is unable to attend. Dr. Suffredini has also designated Mr. Boutwell as the School Department's representative to the EOC whenever it is activated.

Mr. Thayer announced that 1st Selectman Pellegrini has called for a meeting to review the Town's response to Storm Alfred. The meeting will be held at 10:30 AM on Monday, December 12, 2011, at Town Hall.

Mr. Rolland informed that Council that he had obtained prices for a steel storage container for the High School, to be used for storing shelter supplies. He also noted that the School Department had reservations about placing such a container on school property. Mr. MacFeat explained that another organization had wanted to do something of a similar nature, and was eventually required to construct a building on site, at considerable expense. After discussion of alternative sites and storage methods, it was agreed that an enclosed trailer could be utilized in lieu of the storage container. Shelter materials would be pre-loaded in the trailer, which would be stored at Public Works. A Public Works pickup truck would be used to bring the trailer to the shelter, or wherever else it might be needed. This seems to offer greater flexibility than the fixed storage container. Mr. Rolland will investigate this further, and will obtain prices of suitable trailers for the next meeting.

SGT Claudio raised the issue of an emergency generator for the Resident Troopers facility. The existing standby generator has failed and is beyond repair. The lack of emergency power works an extreme hardship on the Resident Troopers, as it renders their in-house computer system useless. Troopers are then forced to file their computerized reports and other computerized forms by repeatedly traveling to the Troop C barracks in Tolland. This item will be placed on the agenda for the January, 2012 meeting for further discussion.

As there appeared no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Thayer requested a motion to adjourn, which was made by Chief Scheissl and seconded by Mr. DeBrino. The motion passed by voice vote, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Daniel Thayer
Chairman