

**Town of Somers
Civil Preparedness Advisory Council
Friday, March 9, 2012
7:30am
Fire House**

The Special Meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 07:31 hours.

Members present: Dr. Maynard Suffredini, SGT Jose Claudio, Deputy PW Director Todd Rolland, EMD Dan Thayer(Chairman), Deputy EMD George Collins, Mr. Peter DeBrino, Mrs. Kerry Tuttle, Mr. Tim Kradas and 1st Selectman Lisa Pellegrini (Ex Officio).

Members absent: Fire Chief Gary Scheissl.

Also present: Mrs. Paula LaFrance.

Old Business

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Dr. Suffredini and seconded by Mr. Rolland to waive the reading of the minutes for the January 6, 2012 meeting. There was no discussion, and the motion was passed by voice vote.

A motion to approve the Minutes of the January 6, 2012 meeting as drafted was made by Dr. Suffredini and seconded by Mr. Rolland. There was no discussion, and the motion was passed by voice vote.

Low Power AM Broadcast Station

The 1st Selectman reported that she is continuing to seek funding for the purchase of a low power AM broadcast transmitter for use during emergencies. The Council discussed other informational uses for the transmitter, such as during the annual 4 Town Fair.

New Business

Appointment of New Member

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Tim Kradas to the Council. The Board of Selectmen appointed Mr. Kradas to a two (2) year term ending December 22, 2013. Mr. Kradas stated that he had already been sworn in by the Town Clerk prior to the meeting.

The appointment of Mr. Kradas to the Council brings its membership to the full authorized limit of nine (9) members and one (1) Ex Officio member.

Reports of Committees

Sheltering Committee

Ms. Tuttle distributed sample forms that have been developed for use in Somers, both for general Emergency Management uses and for Shelter Management uses. Each form is numbered, and their use will be incorporated into the revisions of the Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP).

CERT Team

Mr. DeBrino reported that CERT has eleven (11) new members as a result of a recruitment drive conducted in early January, 2012. Training for these folks will be conducted in a joint training program involving Somers, Ellington and Vernon CERT Teams.

Local Emergency Operation Plan

The Chairman reported that all indications are that the State will be establishing some new guidelines for Local Emergency Operations Plans (LEOP). Changes are anticipated in the areas of Town & Public Utility Liaison and Sheltering. The changes are expected to be published in Early August.

UHF Portable Radios for Resident Troopers

The Chairman reminded the Council that at the January meeting it had approved the purchase of at least two (2) UHF portable radios for use by the Somers Resident Troopers and Constables. During February, proposals to provide these radios were received, and after discussion with the 1st Selectman, it was decided to purchase four (4) portable radios at this time.

These radios will remain on Emergency Management's inventory, and Emergency Management will be responsible for their repair and replacement. It is hoped that four (4) additional portables may be purchased in the upcoming fiscal year, so that each Trooper or Constable may have a radio individually assigned.

The Chairman informed the Council that these radios have been configured to permit Troopers and Constables to communicate on the Police, Fire, Public Works and Board of Education frequencies. Should any problems arise from this configuration, the radios may be easily re-programmed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Suffredini and seconded by Mr. Collins, and passed by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 08:25 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Thayer
Chairman