

**Town of Somers  
Civil Preparedness Advisory Council  
Friday, April 13, 2012  
7:30am  
Fire House**

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 07:36 hours.

Members present: Dr. Maynard Suffredini, Deputy PW Director Todd Rolland, EMD Dan Thayer, Deputy EMD George Collins, Mr. Peter DeBrino, Mr. Tim Kradas and 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Lisa Pellegrini (Ex Officio).

Members absent: Fire Chief Gary Scheissl, SGT Jose Claudio, and Mrs. Kerry Tuttle

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

## **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 March 9, 2012 Special Meeting. There was no discussion, and the motion was passed by voice vote.

A motion to approve the Minutes of the March 9, 2012 Special Meeting as drafted was made by Mr. DeBrino and seconded by Mr. Rolland. There was no discussion, and the motion was passed by voice vote.

### **Progress of EOC Location**

Mr. Thayer reported on the progress being made in relocating the EOC to Kibbe-Fuller. The room has been cleared and cleaned, locks have been changed, and a door installed on the back supply closet. Monthly meetings of the CERT and EmComm volunteers have been conducted at the new EOC for the past three (3) months. Mr. Thayer thanked Mr. Rolland for all of his efforts in bringing this about.

### **Portable Radio for Animal Control Officer (ACO)**

With the approval of the 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman, an additional UHF portable radio has been purchased, for the use of the ACO. It will be turned over to SGT Claudio as soon as it is engraved.

### **Regional Packet Bulletin Board Progress**

Mr. Thayer reported that the installation of a ham radio packet bulletin board (PBB) at Johnson Memorial Hospital (JMH) is making good progress. The Town and JMH have signed an MOU regarding the station, an on-site inspection has been made and the spot for the radio has been approved, and an electrician has been contacted who is donating his time and materials to provide electricity at the equipment's location. It is anticipated that the station will be functional in the next 6 weeks.

### **New Business**

#### **Reports of Committees**

##### **CERT Team**

Mr. DeBrino reported that training for eleven (11) new members has begun. He also noted that there is a twelfth individual who has been an EmComm volunteer for some time, and is now taking CERT training. Mr. DeBrino also reported that all necessary equipment for the new members has been purchased, and a balance of slightly more than \$200 remains.

##### **Low-Power AM Broadcast Radio**

Mr. Kradas reported on the research he had done regarding the low-power AM broadcast station. Considerable discussion followed regarding the uses for this station, and the obvious benefits to the Town. The 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman will continue to pursue a grant for the purchase of this item.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Suffredini and seconded by Mr. Rolland, and passed by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 08:17 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Thayer  
Chairman