

**Town of Somers
Civil Preparedness Advisory Council
Friday, July 12, 2013
8:00 AM
Fire House**

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Thayer at 0803 hours.

Members present: George Collins, Mr. Peter DeBrino, Mr. Tim Kradas, Deputy PWD Todd Rolland, Dan Thayer, and 1st Selectman Lisa Pellegrini (Ex Officio).

Members absent: SGT Jose Claudio, Supt. Maynard Suffredini and Fire Chief Gary Scheissl.

Also present: DEMD Jeff Bord, Mrs. Paula LaFrance, Mr. William Boutwell, Deputy Fire Chief Frank Falcone, and Mr. James MacFeat.

Old Business

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the minutes for the May, 2013 meeting. There was no discussion, and the motion was passed by voice vote.

A motion to approve the minutes of the May, 2013 meeting as submitted was made and seconded. There was no discussion, and the motion was passed by voice vote.

New Business

June Statewide Drill

Mr. Thayer reported on the results of the Statewide drill held on June 20, 2013. Somers fully participated, and convened a meeting of its unified command at the EOC. The emphasis of the drill concerned recovery from a winter storm that severely impacted the City of Torrington and surrounding area. The drill did not consider Somers to have been heavily impacted.

Personnel Changes

Mr. Thayer informed the Council that he had resigned as the Emergency Management Director (EMD), effective June 30, 2013. His replacement would be Mr. Joseph Tolisano, who had previously served as Somers's EMD.

Mr. Thayer also informed the Council that Mr. George Collins, the Deputy EMD, was also stepping down from his position. Mr., Collins's replacement would be Mr. Jeff Bord, the Town Engineer.

Mr. Peter DeBrino informed the Council that he had resigned as the CERT Team Leader, and that his replacement had yet to be named.

Status of CERT

Mr. DeBrino led a discussion regarding the current status of Somers's CERT program. It is presently without a leader. Mr. Collins reported that he had scheduled a meeting of CERT members to discuss the situation, and to prompt thought about the future of CERT in Somers.

CPAC Chairman

Mr. Thayer stated that the Chairman of the CPAC had traditionally been the Emergency Management Director. Therefore, if the new Director, Mr. Tolisano, wished to assume the Chairman position, he would step aside after conducting an election of a new Chairman. Mr. Thayer stated that perhaps Mr. Tolisano would prefer to delegate the chairman's responsibilities to his Deputy, Mr. Bord. As both the EMD and Deputy EMD had just been named, it was unknown exactly what changes might occur.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded, and passed by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 0840 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Thayer
Chairman

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.