

**Town of Somers  
Civil Preparedness Advisory Council  
Friday, November 1, 2013  
8:00 AM  
Fire House**

**Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Thayer at 0801 hours.

Members present: Mr. Peter DeBrino, Mrs. Karen Hocking, Deputy PWD Todd Rolland, Supt. Maynard Suffredini, Dan Thayer, and 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Lisa Pellegrini

Members absent: SGT Joseq Claudio, CSP, Mr. Tim Kradas, Fire Chief Gary Scheissl and EMD Joseph Tolisano.

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

**Old Business**

**Approval of Minutes**

The October 4, 2013 Minutes were read, and a motion to approve them was made and seconded. There was no discussion, and the motion was passed by voice vote.

**2014 Meeting Schedule**

A proposed schedule had been distributed to members at the October meeting. After brief discussion, a motion was made and seconded to adopt the proposed schedule. There was no discussion, and the motion passed by a voice vote.

**Shelter Supplies**

The Chairman reported that the Town has purchased and received a third shelter supply cart, along with additional shelter supplies. These additional supplies include bales of fleece blankets, disposable cot covers, and inflatable pillows. All items are stored in the front garage at the Resident Troopers Office.

It was the consensus of the Council's members that we have sufficient supplies stockpiled for the foreseeable future.

## **New Business**

### **CERT Update**

Karen Hocking presented a short report to the Council regarding CERT activity. Two members manned a CERT booth at the Somers Fire Dept. open house. Mrs. Hocking also reported that a CERT training class is in the planning stages for presentation in early 2014. She also reported that training in the operation of the Emergency Management VHF radios was scheduled for the November CERT meeting.

### **Low Power FM Station**

Mr. Todd Rolland reported on the Town's efforts to secure an FCC license for a public safety low power FM (LPFM) radio station. This station would be used for public safety information and for the dissemination of public information during emergencies. This is the first time in nearly a decade that the FCC has been accepting new applications. If the Town's application is approved, a 3 year period is provided for build-out.

### **EOC Radio Antennas**

The Chairman reported that during activations the EOC has been operating using a mix of fixed external radio antennas, and temporary antennas set up within the building. The FY14 budget included funds for the purchase of a second roof-mount tower and several fixed antennas. All of the equipment has finally arrived, but it remains to be seen if the weather will cooperate and permit the antennas to go up prior to the onset of winter. If not, then the work will be a spring project.

### **CL&P Restoration Priority List**

Mrs. Pellegrini reported that CL&P has informed the 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman's office of changes in the list of facilities that the Town and CL&P had agreed are priorities for power restoration in an emergency. The list has been unilaterally modified by CL&P, by removing Somers Town Hall and Geissler's Market from the list.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded, and passed by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 0829 hours.

Dan Thayer  
Chairman

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