

**Town of Somers
Civil Preparedness Advisory Council
Friday, February 7, 2014
8:00 AM
Fire House**

Prior to the meeting being called to order, Town Clerk Ann Logan administered the Loyalty Oath to Council members DeBrino, Hocking, Kradas, Rolland, Suffredini, Thayer, and Pellegrini. Members Scheissl and Tolisano were absent, and Claudio arrived late.

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Thayer at 0804 hours.

Members present: SGT Joseq Claudio, Mr. Peter DeBrino, Mrs. Karen Hocking, Mr. Tim Kradas, Deputy PWD Todd Rolland, Supt. Maynard Suffredini, Dan Thayer, and 1st Selectman Lisa Pellegrini

Members absent: Fire Chief Gary Scheissl and EMD Joseph Tolisano.

Also present: Mr. William Boutwell, Mr. Jeff Bord, Deputy Fire Chief Frank Falcone, Mrs. Paula LaFrance, Mrs. Amy Saada, Mr. Michael DeAmato, and Ms. Ann Logan.

Election of Chairman

This was the first meeting of the Council since the December, 2013 appointment of members by the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Thayer opened the floor for nominations to be the Council Chairman for the next two years. Mr. Thayer was nominated by Mr. Rolland and seconded by Dr. Suffredini. There were no further nominations. Nominations were closed, and Mr. Thayer was voted to be the Chainman by voice vote.

Old Business

Approval of Minutes

The draft of the December, 2013 Minutes was distributed prior to the meeting. The reading of the minutes was waived by voice vote. A motion to accept the minutes as drafted was made and seconded. There was no discussion. The Minutes were passed by voice vote.

Emergency Management Low Power FM Station License Update

Mr. Rolland provided an update of the Town's progress in seeking a license from the FCC for a Low Power FM radio station license. Early in January, 2014, our application was rejected by the FCC without right to appeal. The FCC determined that our proposed coverage pattern would overlap by six tenths of a kilometer an existing LPFM station in Bolton, CT, which operates on an adjacent frequency. No further action will be taken by Emergency Management to obtain a LPFM license.

Somers CERT Update

Mrs. Hocking, the CERT Team Leader, provided the council with an update regarding CERT activities. There will be no regular meeting in February. Instead, Somers CERT will meet at the Ellington Ambulance building on February 28 for electrical safety training. CERT will also be participating with Ellington in a recruitment activity on March 29th, 2014. If there are a sufficient number of new CERT members, then classes will be held during April and May, 2014.

Snow Removal Operations Update

Mr. Rolland reported that the Town has been resupplied with salt, and he believes that a sufficient quantity exists to make it through the remainder of the 2013-14 winter season.

New Business

Somers Local Emergency Operations Plan

The State's Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security has reviewed the Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) submitted by the Town of Somers, and has notified the Town that they find the LEOP acceptable. The State is required to perform this annually, but had opted not to do so during CY 2012 and most of CY 2013, due to demands on State staff resulting from storms Alfred and Irene.

Somers High School Low Power FM Radio Station

At the December, 2013 Council meeting, Dr. Suffredini had offered Emergency Management the use of the Somers Board of Education's LPFM station located at Somers High School. The station is under the control of Peter Stone, the schools Media Specialist. According to Mr. Stone, the station is in need of some new equipment and refurbishing. The Council decided not to take further action until the outcome of Emergency Management's licensing venture was known. As that license has been denied, it was agreed that it was time for the Council to move forward with Dr. Suffredini's offer. It was determined that the best course was for Mrs. Pellegrini, Mr. Rolland and Mr. Thayer to meet with Mr. Stone, and the station's engineer, Mr. John Ramsey. The purpose of the meeting would be to determine what uses the Town may

make of the station during an emergency, as well as the anticipated equipment needs and cost.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 AM

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Dan Thayer
Chairman

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