

**Town of Somers
Civil Preparedness Advisory Council
Friday, June 6, 2014
8:00 AM
Fire House**

Meeting Minutes

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

Members present: LT JoseqClaudio, 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, EMD Joseph Tolisano

Also present: Deputy EMD Jeff Bord, Mr. William Boutwell, Deputy Fire Chief Frank Falcone, Mrs. Paula LaFrance and Mr. Michael DAmato.

Old Business

Approval of Minutes

The draft of the April 4, 2014 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.

Somers CERT Update

Mrs. Karen Hocking, the CERT Team Leader, provided the council with an update regarding CERT activities. She reported that the CERT Team had met in May for an informative meeting with Chief Schiessl at the Somers Fire Department. She also reported that the team would be meeting on June 14th at the Ellington Big Y for a tour of that facility.

New Business

2014 EPPI

Deputy EMD Jeff Bord briefed the Council on the upcoming statewide annual EPPI scheduled for June 23rd. The anticipated scenario is the passage of a Category 1 hurricane through the state. The Town's Unified Command will be convened at the EOC between 0800-1400 hours on the 23rd.

CL&P Restoration Priorities

The 1st Selectman informed the Council that CL&P had revised its list of priority power restorations for the Town. Both Town Hall and the Woodcrest senior housing facilities had been removed from the list. Geissler's Market had previously been removed, but they have installed an emergency generator.

Public Emergency Notification

Mr. DeAmato spoke about the issue of what service the Town intends to use for notifying the public of emergencies. There are currently several wireless and internet notification services that the Town may access, either directly or through government agencies. The problem is that many residents have not signed up for notifications, and that these services place dependence on the existence of wireless and internet service. After discussion, it was agreed that it was important to avoid confusion. Therefore, the Council will request that the Board of Selectman determine which service or services the Town will utilize.

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 8:25 AM

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Dan Thayer
Chairman

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