

**Town of Somers
Civil Preparedness Advisory Council
Friday, July 11, 2014
8:00 AM
Fire House**

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Thayer at 0800 hours.

Members present: LT JoseqClaudio, Mrs. Karen Hocking, Mr. Tim Kradas, PWD Todd Rolland, Supt. Maynard Suffredini, Dan Thayer and 1st Selectman Lisa Pellegrini.

Members absent: Mr. Peter DeBrino, Fire Chief Gary Scheissl, EMD Joseph Tolisano

Also present: Deputy EMD Jeff Bord, Mr. William Boutwell, Mr. Michael D~~a~~Amato, TFC Michael Hevey, Ms. Kim Littig, Mrs. Paula LaFrance, and HSD Amy Saada.

Presentation

The business meeting was suspended for a presentation by Mr. Sal Alfarone of the Higgins Corp. regarding his company's emergency personnel ID card system.

Following the presentation, the business meeting was resumed at 0822 hours.

Old Business

Approval of Minutes

A draft of the June 6, 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.

2014 EPPI

Deputy EMD Jeff Bord reported on the results of the Town's participation in the June 23, 2014 Emergency Preparedness Planning & Implementation (EPPI) drill. The Town's Unified Command had been stood up, and participated in a successful exercise. As a result of the drill, the need for a pre-installed computer display in Kibbe-Fuller's meeting room #3 was identified, and corrective action is currently being undertaken by Mr. Michael D~~a~~Amato.

Somers CERT Update

Mrs. Karen Hocking, the CERT Team Leader, reported on the CERT Team's tour of the Ellington Big Y store, and the team's participation with Vernon CERT in support of Vernon's annual fireworks display.

LPFM Transmitter

Dan Thayer reported on meeting with the 1st Selectman and John Ramsey, the engineer for the Somers Board of Education Low Power FM (LPFM) station, WDJW, which broadcasts on a frequency of 89.7 MHz. An initial estimate of \$5000-6000 would provide the Town with the ability to preempt normal broadcasting using an already-licensed auxiliary remote frequency. The Town would then be able to provide emergency information direct from the EOC.

New Business

ID Card System

A motion was made and seconded to recommend that the Town acquire an ID card system that produced cards compatible with the Salamander accountability system, so that all Town officials, employees, and regular volunteers may be provided with official photo identification. There was no discussion. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Auxiliary Remote Equipment

A motion was made and seconded to recommend that the Town purchase the equipment necessary to permit the use of the Board of Education's LPFM station by Town to disseminate emergency information from the EOC using the assigned auxiliary remote frequency. There was no discussion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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 8:42 AM

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Dan Thayer
Chairman

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.