

**TOWN OF SOMERS
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, December 11, 2025

8:00 AM at the Fire Station

1. Call to Order:

- Fire Chief / EMD David Lenart called the meeting to order at 08:00.

2. Members' Present:

- Dan Thayer, CERT Team Leader, Karen Hocking, Fire Chief & EMD, David Lenart, Peter Debrino, Superintendent of Highways, Todd Rolland.

3. Non-Members Present:

- Police Administrator, Kim Littig, BOE Director of Business Services, Stephanie Levin, Health Director, Jeffrey Catlett, Building Official, Michael Anthony, First Selectman, Timothy Keeney.

4. Old Business

- a. Human Services – See report.
- b. Police – See report
- c. Fire - See report
- d. Board of Education – See report
- e. CERT – See report
- f. DPW – See report

5. New Business

- a. General Discussion

6. Approval of the November Meeting Minutes.

- Dan Thayer motioned to approve the November and October Meeting Minutes. Todd Rolland seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

7. The next meeting is on January 8, 2026.

8. Adjournment.

- Dan Thayer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 08:40. Peter Debrino seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council
Department of Public Works Report

December 11, 2025

Traffic/Emergency Response/After-hours Callouts:

- 11/1/25. Clean up from the windstorm.
- 11/13/25. FD sprinkler system burst.

Bilton Road Transmitter Site:

- DAS will obtain an appraisal and send us a purchase price for this parcel.

Operation:

- DPW has transitioned to winter operations.
- Phases 2 and 3 of road resurfacing will commence in the spring.

Facilities:

- Monitoring all building HVAC systems for winter.
- Senior Center expansion: The Ad Hoc approved the floor plan, which doubles the size of the SC. Todd is working with the architect on an opinion of costs.
- The Village Players (VP) has disbanded. Public Works will clean out the remaining items, paint, and refinish the floors. We have received several requests for use. We will seek letters of interest for departments and organizations. The Board of Selectmen will have to decide which group(s) will be given use of the building.

Long-term Projects:

- Landfill Solar. DEEP will issue a partial permit for the northern 2/3's of the site to allow construction to begin. We are working with Weston and Sampson Engineers to finalize the southern end close-out and submit the necessary documents.
- Sidewalks project, Phase 1, Vision Blvd, Field Road to Rt. 83, Geissler's to Lake Drive. Fuss & O'Neill Engineers have completed their fieldwork and are now working on the design.
- Hurds Lake Dam. The Topographic and wetlands delineation work is complete. Karl Acimovic, our Dam Engineer, is working on the repair specifications.
- Rt. 190 & 83 roundabout in the center of town. DOT is working on the final design. They sent us a proposed schedule, which has the construction going out to bid in 2029.
- 19 Field Road, Brownfield. We have applied for Round 22 grant funding to complete the site assessment. We should hear back by next year.
- Windwood Circle Bridge. The soil testing is complete. GM2's Engineers are working on the design.
- Maple Street Bridge. We approve the design. Shelley Plude of SLR Engineers has sent it to DOT for approval. We anticipate holding a public hearing.
- Kibbe Grove bridge. DOT's semi-annual testing revealed deterioration on both sides of the bridge. I have Michael Brady of GM2 engineering looking into whether this bridge will qualify for federal funding. We are awaiting the official report from the CT DOT before we can seek funding.