

TOWN OF SOMERS
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ADVISORY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 7, 2026
8:00 AM at the Fire Station

1. Call to Order:
 - Todd Rolland called the meeting to order at 8:07 AM.

2. Members' Present:
 - Dan Thayer, CERT Team Leader, Karen Hocking, Fire Chief Ray Stovall, Peter Debrino, DEMD Frank Poirier, Superintendent of Highways/EMD, Todd Rolland.

3. Non-Members Present:
 - Police Administrator Kim Littig, BOE Director of Business Services Stephanie Levin, and Director of Land Use & Health Jeffrey Catlett.

4. Approval of the April Meeting Minutes:
 - Frank Poirier motioned to approve the April Meeting Minutes, Dan Thayer seconded the motion, and all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Old Business:
 - a. Human Services – No report.
 - b. Police – See report
 - c. Fire - See report
 - d. Board of Education – BOE conducted lockdown drills in April. The High School Transfer Switch is 99% complete and in operation.
 - e. CERT – See report
 - f. DPW – See report

6. New Business:
 - a. Bowers Tournament, May 30th – 31st.
 - b. FIFA World Cup, June 13th – July 19th.
 - c. America 250, August 15th.
 - d. General Discussion

7. The next meeting is on June 4, 2026.

8. Adjournment.



EPAC Report for April 1 - 30, 2026

Service Calls: 675

Traffic Accidents Investigated: 7

Alarms (Business & Residential): 16

Investigations: 11

April 2nd. SRO's & Resident Trooper participated in career day at SHS

April 7th. SRO's & Resident Trooper participated in School Districtwide Lockdown Drill

April 25th. Prescription Drug Take Back; included the: Fire Dept, Police Dept, and Human Services Department. 2 total boxes collected – 16.3 lbs and 31.3 lbs. Total = 47.6 lbs. for destruction. That does not include any sharps or liquids collected. This year, included was Woodcrest Elderly Housing; the opportunity for this older community that may not have access to transportation to turn over unwanted/unused medications for destruction. Thank you to the Senior Property Manager for Somers Housing Authority, Brooke Hawkins, for her assistance with this initiative.



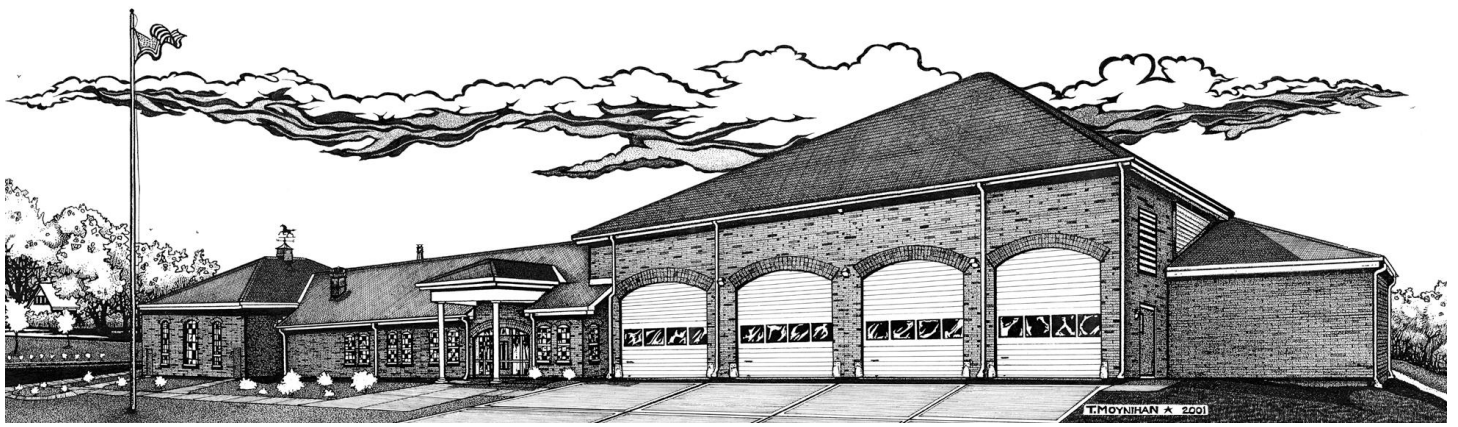
Upcoming Events:

May 17th. Shenipsit Striders Soapstone Trail Race which crosses Gulf road, approved by Board of Selectman/ Local Traffic Authority – Police Officer will be present.

May 30th & May 31st. Lacrosse Tournament Operations Plan ongoing

August 4th. National Night Out at Field Road Park preparations/ planning continues.

****** No further reports of drone sightings over Osborn and Cybulski Correctional Institutions which occurred during mid-April, investigated by CT State Police personnel out of Troop "C" in Tolland.



EPAC update

5/5/26

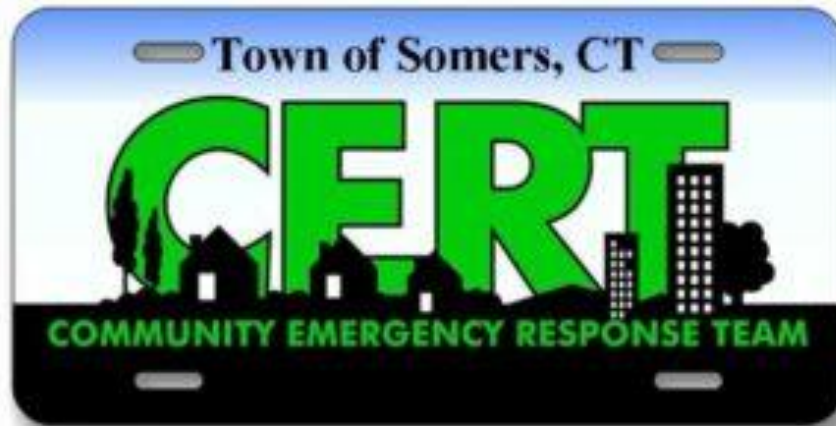
- April Call stats
 - Prisons: 25
 - Woodcrest: 6
 - Mutual Aid Calls: 40
 - In-Town Calls: 113
- Very high Fire danger continues
- UTV 346 training has started, skid unit is in, still waiting on the trailer.
- I am out of the state from Tuesday 5/12 to Tuesday 5/19. DC Allard will be in charge of department issues. Call the station for any fire marshal issues.

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05.07.2026 Somers CERT Report

Somers CERT continues to meet regularly.

In March, training was on fire extinguisher use. It included a practical portion with the fire pan.

The team leader attended the Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee (EPAC) on the first Thursday of both March and April.

In April, the training was held with the FD and was on mental health and suicide prevention.

The EMD, deputy EMD, and team leader all attended the EM symposium at Camp Net, and the deputy EMD and team leader attended the EM CERT session there.

May training for the team will be on shelter intake.

Respectfully,
Karen Hocking
Somers CERT Team Leader

Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council Department of Public Works Report

May 07, 2026

Traffic/Emergency Response/After-hours Callouts:

- 04/07. Tree down across Deerfield Drive.

Bilton Road Transmitter Site:

The Government Oversight Committee has considered our request to change the sale from fair market value to no-cost, with a deed restriction stating that if the town ever stops using the property for an EM communication tower, it will revert to the state. It has moved on to the floor. We believe this will pass.

Operation:

- DPW finished street sweeping and is in full spring operations.
- Verogy is well on its way to installing solar panels on the top of the landfill.
- Phases 2 of road resurfacing will commence this summer. The list of roads to be resurfaced is:

Street Name			
SCHNEIDER RD	MALLARD CIR	PARSON RD	POND CIR
BRADLEY RD	BLUNT CIR	COLTON RD	PHEASANT RUN
GRIST MILL TER	BLUNT CIR - Circle	PINE KNOB RD	MAPLE RIDGE DR
ROSEHAVEN RD	NOAH CHAPIN DR	HERON DR	MICHELE DR

Facilities:

- Senior Center expansion: We received an initial cost estimate of \$4.5m. The committee wishes to proceed. We are working with our architects on proposals for 3D drawings and a project cost estimate.
- The Village Players building. We have an RFP with a draft lease agreement ready to send to all interested parties. The newly reseeded Special Project Committee will review all responses and make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen.

Long-term Projects:

- Sidewalks project, Phase 1, Vision Blvd, Field Road to Rt. 83, Geissler's to Lake Drive. We held a public hearing in the town hall auditorium on May 6th at 6 PM and received public input.
- Rt. 190 & 83 roundabout in the center of town. DOT is working on the final design. This project is scheduled to go out to bid in 2028.
- Windwood Circle Bridge. The design is complete and has been accepted by DOT. The project moves on to the final design phase. The project has a target construction date of spring 2028 and is estimated to take 8 months.
- Maple Street Bridge. This design has been sent to DOT. They responded with their comments. The design is being updated. We anticipate holding a public hearing this year.