

**TOWN OF SOMERS
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 4, 2026
8:00 AM at the Fire Station**

1. Call to Order:
 - Todd Rolland called the meeting to order at 8:01 AM.
2. Members Present:
 - Dan Thayer, Fire Chief Ray Stovall; Peter Debrino, Frank Poirier; Superintendent of Highways/EMD; and Todd Rolland.
3. Non-Members Present:
 - Police Administrator Kim Littig, BOE Director of Business Services Stephanie Levin, and Director of Human Services Matthew Cox.
4. Approval of the April Meeting Minutes:
 - Dan Thayer motioned to approve the June Meeting Minutes, Ray Stoval seconded the motion, and all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Old Business:
 - a. Human Services – See report.
 - b. Police – See report.
 - c. Fire – 214 calls in July: 1 Structure Fire. Chief Stovall is working on a proposal to replace the outdated portable batteries. The new ambulance is in service. FD members attended the National Night celebration on August 5. The Fire Department will have 1 Ambulance and the UTV on-site and staffed during the America 250 celebration.
 - d. Board of Education – School begins on September 1. The schools received two new AEDs, which will be installed by the athletic fields.
 - e. CERT – CERT members attended the National Night Out celebration on August 5.
 - f. Health – See report.
 - g. DPW – See report
6. New Business:
 - a. August 5th's National Night Out was well attended and well received.
 - b. The America 250 celebration is on August 15th at Field Road Park.
 - c. General Discussion
7. The next meeting is on September 3, 2026.
8. Adjournment.
 - Frank Poirier motioned to adjourn the meeting at 09:20. Dan Thayer seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council
Human Services Report

August 6, 2026

Key activities during the month of May included:

- Provided ongoing intensive case management and problem-solving to several local families experiencing elder self-neglect, mental health crises, domestic violence, and child neglect. Partners are Somers Police, Protective Services for the Elderly, and the Department of Children and Families.
- Provided disaster case management services and financial assistance to a local family impacted by a house fire.
- Provided case management, financial coaching, and problem-solving to 49 households.
- Provided public benefits application assistance to 21 low-income households, including Renters' Rebate, SNAP, and the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program.
- Launched Back-to-School program to provide clothing gift cards, shoe vouchers to DSW, and haircuts – distribution begins in August.
- Prepared to launch the 5th annual National Night Out event to be held at Field Road Park on August 4, a collaboration between Somers Police, Fire, town departments, and the SHINE Coalition.
- Launched public information campaigns focused on Consequences of Screen Time; Underage Access to Substances; Vaping Cessation; and Opioid Overdose Education.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Cox
Director of Human Services



EPAC Report for July 1 – 31st 2026

Service Calls: 503

Traffic Accidents Investigated: 8

Alarms (Business & Residential): 23 (10 from one business, spoke with owner, will re-train cleaning personnel on alarm operations)

Other Investigations: 12

July 1st – add'l meeting re: Planning for 4th annual National Night Out

June 30th – July 2nd Successful completion of Rifle Training for 2 Police Officers, 3 day class at CT State Police Range

Upcoming Events:

Aug. 4th Super Hero Day – annual meet & greet with Recreation Department attendees and staff with Resident Trooper, Town Police Officer, and CT State Police K9 Detective - @ 50 kids and 15 staff members attended

Aug 4th Annual National Night Out

August – swearing in new Part Time Police Officer for Patrol

August – School preparations, Security power point for school staff presented by SRO's

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Health Department Report
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Fair Season/Event Schedule

Hartford County 4-H Fair
August 14th, 15th, 16th 2026
(6 Food Vendors)

America 250 Celebration
Saturday August 15th
(12 Food Vendors)

Summer Sunset Vendor Fair
Saturday August 29th
(Anticipated 10 to 15 Food Vendors)

Four Town Fair
September 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th
(Anticipated 36 Food Vendors)

Other updates:

*Hiring a Temporary Grant-Funded Sanitarian/Inspector
15 hours per week (August 2026 to June 2027)

*Havenwood Townhomes project is progressing (85 South Road)
6 buildings (25 units total with two bedrooms each)

*Worthington Vineyards has applied for new Winery Tasting Room Lodge & Storage Buildings

Best,

Jeff Catlett, MPH, RS
Director of Health and Land Use
Town of Somers

Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council Department of Public Works Report

August 06, 2026

Traffic/Emergency Response/After-hours Callouts:

- June 19, tree down on Pine Knob.

Bilton Road Transmitter Site:

The legislator approved our amendment to convert the sale from fair market value to a no-cost transfer. The amendment includes a deed restriction stating that if the town ever ceases to use the property for an emergency communications tower, the property will revert to the state. I am awaiting further guidance from my contact at DAS.

Operation:

- DPW has begun milling and paving of this year's local roads. Roads in orange have been milled. Roads in red have been milled and paved.

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

Facilities:

- Now that the budget has passed, we are moving forward with facility repairs and improvements. The Firehouse 3-zone mini-splits are ordered. Piedmont Halls mini-splits are waiting on SHPO approval.

Long-term Projects:

- Sidewalks project, Phase 1, Vision Blvd, Field Road to Rt. 83, Geissler's to Lake Drive. Our consultants have finalized the design and construction documents. We are working with DOT to acquire the easements. I anticipate going out to bid in the spring, with construction starting in the summer of next year.
- Maple Street Bridge. We held a virtual public information session on July 29. The project has been sent to DOT for approval. We anticipate going out to bid in the spring, with construction starting in the summer of next year.
- 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.
- 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 2029.