TOWN OF SOMERS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 6, 2025, 8:00 AM Fire Station

1. Call to Order: 8:00 am

2. Members Present: Dan Thayer, Karen Hocking, Peter DeBrino, Trooper Justin Preuss, Todd Rolland.

Others in attendance: Kim Littig, Stephanie Levin, Matthew Cox, and Ray Stoval.

- 3. Old Business
 - a. Sanitarian: Nothing to report
 - b. Human Services: Has been working with many families experiencing domestic disturbances, many of which involve estate planning and dispositions. There seems to be an uptick in school truancy for different reasons. HS provided classes to train youth in safe babysitting practices and CPR. They completed their annual report for Drug-Free Communities. The Tri-Town Junior Review Board has been working on a few referrals. HS has been working with several families struggling to afford the cost of living in Town.
 - c. Police: See attached Reports
 - d. Fire: Been responding to many calls at the Prisons, particularly Ozborne for overdoses. In February there were 20+ OD calls. This winter, we also saw an uptick in Flu & GI calls.
 - e. DPW: This winter, we had 22 plowing / salting events, many of which were ice/slush events. We used 1,100 tons of salt, which is about average for the winter season.
 - f. Schools: The biggest project is the Elementary School HVAC Project. We have gone out to bid and the bid opening was this week. We are working through the bids and vetting the bidders. The Plan is to move the 5th grade to MBA to allow for the HVAC construction. The generator's High School transfer switch is in and scheduled to be installed over April break.

g. CERT: Somers CERT is conducting a Basic CERT class this weekend. We have 15 students signed up. The new Chief, David Lenart, presented at our February meeting. His presentation covered the Incident Command System. Dave took questions about utilizing CERT to support the Fire Department and said he would work with the FD Officers to involve CERT in expanded roles. A member has started a newsletter. CERT will be participating in two Fire Department training events in April.

4. New Business

a. EMD search. Filling this position is on hold pending the outcome of the budget process. The budget is under stress due to the anticipated changes to state aid.

b. General Discussion:

- i. Todd is working with the DOC and DAS to move the purchase of the 3+ acres of property on Bilton Road forward. This sale was approved by the Legislator and signed by the Governor last year. We plan to construct a two-way radio tower on that site.
- ii. The Fire Department is holding a traffic incident management training class. Any interested parties are encouraged to attend.
- iii. FM transmitter WDJD. Dan noticed that our radio station was off the air on February 27th. He investigated the transmitting station in the High School A/V room and found a switch had been turned off. That switch has been disconnected so this should not happen again.
- c. Todd announced that we are negotiating to purchase the Somersville Grammer School. We have come to a meeting of the minds and are working on the purchase and sale agreement. There will need to be Board of Selectman, Board of Finance and Town Meeting approval to move this forward. Our vision for this facility is to create a Somers Veteran's Center and allow community groups and other town departments to use the space.
- 5. Approval of Minutes: Dan Thayer made a motion to approve the November 2024 meeting minutes, Peter Debrino 2nd, no objection. Motion passed.
- 6. Adjournment Dan Thayer made a motion to adjourn, Justin Preuss 2nd, no objection. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:59 am.





Monthly Report

November 2024

Calls for Service: 723

Accidents:

12

Case Reports:

11

Burglaries:

0

Larcenies:

0

Traffic Stops:

120

Onsite DUI's:

Arrests:

8

1

11/5 - Election Day - No Reported Issues

11/12 - Cybulski Correctional Institution Warden & Staff Meet and Greet

11/12 - The Barn - Liquor License Suspension

11/20 - Marty Smith Retirement Party

11/22 - Received New 2025 Ford Police Interceptor Utility

State of Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection

Department of Consumer Protection Liquor Control Commission



Commissioner Bryan Cafferelli THE LIQUOR PERMIT OF:

THE BARN

25 SOUTH RD, SOMERS, CT 06071~2109 LIP.0015154

HAS PAID \$1000.00 AND THE PERMIT HAS BEEN

SUSPENDED

for the following dates:

11/12/2024

This suspension has been imposed for violation of the following statutes or regulations:

30-6-A24 (f) CONDUCT OF PERMIT PREMISES-PERMITEE STRICTLY ACCOUNTABLE 30-86 (b) SALE TO MINOR 30-86a STATEMENT FROM PURCHASER AS TO AGE





Monthly Report December 2024

Calls for Service: 908

Accidents:

11

Case Reports:

9

Burglaries:

0

Larcenies:

0

Traffic Stops:

102

Onsite DUI's:

Arrests:

4

11/25-12/12 - Stuff-A-Cruiser to Support Local Families12/10/24 - Coin Drop to Support Special Olympics Raised \$270012/17/24 & 12/19/24 - Annual Rifle Qualification w/ Red Dots





Year-End Report

2024

Calls for Service: 10,860

Accidents:

112

Case Reports:

110

Burglaries:

5

Larcenies:

9

Traffic Stops:

873

Onsite DUI's:

10

Arrests:

57





Monthly Report January 2025

Calls for Service: 899

Accidents:

9

Case Reports:

9

Burglaries:

0

Larcenies:

0

Traffic Stops:

123

Onsite DUI's:

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Arrests:

11

0

01/02/25 - Swearing in Ceremony for Kevin Dowe as P/T SRO

01/09/25 - Budget Presentation to Board of Selectmen

01/16/25 - Traffic Accident Fatality RT190 at Scully Rd

Completed ARPA Rural Roads Speed Enforcement Grant





Monthly Report February 2025

Calls for Service:

784

Accidents:

11

Case Reports:

10

Burglaries:

0

Larcenies:

0

Onsite DUI's:

1

Arrests:

8

02/05/25 - Time & Attendance Presentation

02/25/25 - Passed Tier II POST Accreditation

02/27/25 - EMD Interview Panel

02/27/25 - Assisted Zoning Enforcement at 46 Hall Hill Road

Scheduling Active Aggressor Training for PD & FD at Schools