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MEETING MINUTES

March 14, 2018

Bureau Chief Citarella called the meeting to order. The following were in attendance: Bureau Chief Efrem Citarella, as well as Deputy Chiefs Robert Russell and Al Vigliotti.

Clint Blackman, Vice President and Bill O'Neill, Project Manager of Architecture, Incorporated were also present.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Deputy Chief Russell to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2017 meeting as submitted. Deputy Chief Vigliotti seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SUBMISSIONS

Artis Senior Living, LLC

Mr. Blackman and Mr. O'Neill met with the Bureau to present plans for a 72-bed memory care assisted living facility being developed by Artis Senior Living, LLC on Route 6 next to Avalon Somers. A detailed discussion took place. Once the project moves further along, arrangements will be made for another meeting.

SOMERS FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF'S REPORT

Somers Fire Chief Leverich was not present, therefore there was no report.

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT

Deputy Chief Russell reported on the following:

House Numbering – Currently the Town of Somers follows the NYS rule about house numbering, which says that the numbers must be 4" high and visible from the center of the road. All agreed that 4" is difficult to see. Deputy Chief Russell will draft out a

memo to the Town Board to increase the size to 6”.

Deputy Chief Vigliotti reported on the following:

Out of Order Signs for Hydrants – Deputy Chief Vigliotti will research weather durable signs that can be posted on hydrants that are out of order.

CHIEF FIRE INSPECTOR’S REPORT

Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso was not present, so no report was given.

OLD BUSINESS

Directional Sign – A suggestion had been made by Assistant Building Inspector Tom Tooma that a house number directional sign be erected at the T intersection on Mayflower Lane, similar to the one placed on Fieldstone Drive. The developer was contacted and he said the Town would be responsible for putting up those signs. At their December 14, 2017 meeting, the Town Board referred that request to the Police Chief, Highway Superintendent and Principal Engineering Technician. To date there has been no response. Arrangements will be made to have it placed on the April Town Board meeting agenda.

Green Briar – It was reported that there were two brush fires within one week in the area between 301 Greenbriar Drive and the neighboring property which belongs to the development. There was evidence of fire pits. While responding to that call, an 8’ mechanical gate was noticed at 301 Greenbriar Drive. The Fire Department must have access to this gate. The owner of 301 Greenbriar Drive was contacted. The fire pits are not on his property and he will contact the Somers Fire Chief to give instructions on how to open the gate.

Commercial Building Numbering – While driving down Route 100 recently, Deputy Chief Russell noticed that some of the commercial buildings along the road either had no numbering or it wasn’t readily visible. In the event of a medical or fire emergency at these locations, issues with numbering could be detrimental or deadly. As per the code, the numbers must be a minimum of 4” high and be high contrast. In addition, they must be visible from the center of the road. The numbering outside of St. Luke’s Church was perfect. A picture will be taken to be shown as an example. It will be included in a letter sent to all commercial building owners reminding them of the code and the need for the numbering to be readily visible. All will be asked to provide photographic proof of what they have.

Dry Hydrants – The Somers Volunteer Fire Department has completed the testing of the dry hydrants and provided a report. The one at Cale Farm is not working. A letter was sent to their HOA and as of November 9, 2017, they were working on it. An update will be requested. The ones on Moore Drive and Sunderland Lane (Titus Court) are owned by the Town and are not working. Mrs. Schirmer asked the Highway Department to make arrangements to have them removed. She has not received

confirmation that this has been done but will follow up.

Somers Manor Nursing Home – It was reported that the Somers Manor Nursing Home has been adding walls to create new office space (one each in the reception area, main floor, as well as the Essex, Berkshire, Scarborough and Westminster wings, as well as three in the nurse's office). There are concerns as to whether or not there are smoke detectors in these new areas, doors installed and smoke barriers punctured. Bureau Chief Citarella and Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso conducted a site visit. Three offices have been built and a dining room was turned into a rehab area. Bureau Chief Citarella received a phone call on October 11th from their Architect indicating that he is working on the plans so that Building Permits can be issued. There is no update.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business this evening.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 11 at 4:30 p.m. in the Building Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Bureau of Fire Prevention

cc: Bureau of Fire Prevention
Town Board
Town Clerk
Planning Board
Principal Engineering Technician
Somers Fire District