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**MEETING MINUTES**

**May 9, 2018**

Bureau Chief Citarella called the meeting to order. The following were in attendance: Bureau Chief Efrem Citarella, Deputy Chief Robert Russell, Deputy Chief Al Vigliotti, Chief Fire Inspector Bill Premuroso and Somers Fire Department Past Chief Jody Leverich.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Deputy Chief Russell to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2018 meeting as submitted. Deputy Chief Vigliotti seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**SUBMISSIONS**

There were no submissions this evening.

**SOMERS FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF'S REPORT**

Past Chief Leverich reported on the following:

Somers Volunteer Fire Department Chief Paul Jockimo would like to know if Avalon Bay can paint no parking lines or post no parking signs near the hydrants in their new complex. Bureau Chief Citarella will follow up.

On April 13<sup>th</sup> the Fire Department responded to a very large open burn at 225 Route 118.

There was an oil burner malfunction at 7 Butler Hill Road on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT**

Deputy Chief Russell reported on the following:

**House Numbering** – Deputy Chief Russell shared the verbiage for a proposal he drafted to increase the size of the house numbers to 6". Currently the Town of Somers follows the 2015 International Property Maintenance Code about house numbering, which says that the numbers shall not be less than 4" high, as well as plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. All agreed that 4" is difficult to see. A memo will be sent to the Town Board.

Deputy Chief Vigliotti reported on the following:

**Out of Order Signs for Hydrants** – It has been suggested by Deputy Chief Vigliotti that plastic fire hydrant rings be purchased for the dry hydrants that are out service to make it easier for the Fire Department, as well as those departments covering for mutual aid to identify those hydrants. The Water Department uses bags, but all agreed that the rings made more sense. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.

### **CHIEF FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT**

Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso reported on the following:

Resident Richard Pond wants to buy a vacant piece of property on Valley Pond Road to use as a campsite with campfires. This is not permissible. Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso will let him know.

Kennedy Catholic High School Safety Officer Tom Fulton would like to paint no parking lines in the back of the building by the gym to prevent coaches from parking there. Mr. Premuroso will do another site visit and continue to research this possibility.

There is a drafting hydrant at 243 Route 100 and the original site plan shows paving stones around the hydrant which are currently not there. Code Enforcement Officer Rob Russell will follow up.

The dumpster area at 155 Route 202 is a mess. Code Enforcement Officer Rob Russell will follow up.

A request was made of Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso to conduct a site visit to the Somers Diner for possible code violations.

The trailer at Heritage Hills has been moved to the back of the Fitness Center, resolving the issue.

When the 911 Dispatch Center at the Lincolndale Firehouse was in operation, Mrs. Schirmer provided copies of all Fire Alarm Permits. Past Chief Leverich will follow up regarding this issue.

The Town Plumbing Inspector questioned if a 70 lb. PSI of a sandpipe at The Crossroads at Baldwin Place was too low and Past Chief Leverich said that was fine. The hydrants will be tested once they are hooked up to the new water and sewer line.

Deputy Chief Russell asked Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso if he would take a look at the outdoor portable propane grills at Somers Mobil Mart to be sure they are not too close to the building.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Directional Sign** – Developer Jim Boniello erected a house number directional sign at the T intersection on Mayflower Lane and gave a picture of said sign to Mrs. Schirmer, which was shared with the Bureau.

**Commercial Building Numbering** – Deputy Chief Russell had noticed that some of the commercial buildings had no numbering or if they did, 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. When a decision has been made about whether or not the Town Board is willing to increase the size of the numbers from 4" to 6", a letter will be sent to all commercial building owners outlining the requirements.

**Dry Hydrants** – The Somers Volunteer Fire Department has completed the testing of the dry hydrants and provided a report. The one at Cale Farm on Watergate Drive has been removed by the owner. Another request has been made to the Highway Department to remove the ones on Moore Drive and Titus Court.

**Somers Manor Nursing Home** – It was reported that the Somers Manor Nursing Home, now under new ownership as The Paramount at Somers had 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 were concerns as to whether or not there were smoke detectors in these new areas, doors installed, and smoke barriers punctured. In addition, this work may have required Building Permits. Bureau Chief Citarella and Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso conducted a site visit on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Three offices had been built and a dining room was turned into a rehab area. Bureau Chief Citarella received a phone call on October 11<sup>th</sup> from their Architect indicating that he is working on the plans so that Building Permits can be issued. To date there has been no movement on this so a Notice of Violation will be issued.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business this evening.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> 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  
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Principal Engineering Technician  
Somers Fire District