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CHIEF



MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2019

Bureau Chief Tooma called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The following were in attendance: Bureau Chief Tom Tooma, Somers Volunteer Fire Department Ex-Chief Jody Leverich, Chief Fire Inspector William Premuroso, and Deputy Chiefs Robert Russell and Al Vigliotti.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Deputy Chief Russell to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2018 meeting as submitted. Deputy Chief Vigliotti seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SUBMISSIONS

There were no submissions this evening.

OLD BUSINESS

AvalonBay Somers – Somers Volunteer Fire Department Chief Paul Jockimo would like some additional striping by Building 6 at AvalonBay Somers. A discussion ensued and pictures taken by Deputy Russell were shared. All agreed that additional striping offers no benefit unless parking becomes a problem.

Somers Diner – Somers Security has put their alarm system back on line until March 1, however the new owner has indicated that she cannot continue to have a system that is monitored. As a result, their occupancy has been lowered to 49, which doesn't require a monitored system.

Paramount at Somers – After numerous attempts since August 21, 2017, Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso has been unable to secure architect plans and a scope of work for interior work that was done at Paramount at Somers (three offices were built and a

dining room was turned into a rehab area) to determine whether or not Building Permits and/or electrical inspections are needed. A Notice of Violation was issued with a compliance date of November 27, 2018. Bureau Chief Tooma called the administrator Kerry DeSandre with no response. He will email her tomorrow.

Last month a discussion ensued about a pile of millings that was blocking access to their dry hydrant. By the next day they were spread out.

It was also reported that an existing pavilion was enclosed. Code Enforcement Officer Rob Russell and 1st Assistant Chief Mackey followed up and confirmed the same. They will use that area for storage. Chief Tooma will speak to their administrator about this situation as well.

9, 11, 13 and 15 Butlerville Road – The owners of 13 Butlerville Road sent a letter with a scope of work that was recently done regarding concerns about the narrow, windy and bumpy condition of the long dirt/stone roadway that accesses their homes. 1st Assistant Chief Mackey conducted a site inspection and confirmed that more gravel was added and the banks of the road trimmed. While he was there, a UPS truck came and was able to make it all the way to the top without any issues, which pleased him. Chief Tooma was recently on that road conducting an inspection and wanted to make everyone aware of a manhole cover that is the septic tank.

Portable Generators in Heritage Hills – Building Inspector Tooma had a conversation with one of the Heritage Hills Condo Presidents about allowing portable gasoline generators. Although a permit is not required, an electrical inspection has to be done for the installation of a transfer switch. Deputy Chief Russell suggested that portable propane generators be used instead. He will draft a letter which will be sent to all Condo Board Presidents with this recommendation.

Attic Accesses in Heritage Hills – On November 28th, Building Inspector Tooma met with the Council of Condominiums in Heritage Hills regarding attic accesses through garage ceilings in units in Heritage Hills, which are not permitted. He has had a lot of inquiries from residents, Condo Presidents and realtors. He is optimistic that parties will be cooperative in correcting this State Code violation.

247 Route 100 – Deputy Chief Russell spoke with the manager of 247 Route 100. In the spring they will install gray x pavers, move the conex boxes and test the 10,000 gallon well to be sure it is functioning. 1st Assistant Chief Mackey checked the access to their dry hydrant. It is about 10' off the road and since the hose lengths are 10' he doesn't think the pavers are necessary. A discussion ensued and Deputy Chief Russell reminded everyone that the installation of pavers was a requirement of the original site plan. All agreed that moving forward, pavers should be required for these types of projects. Deputy Chief Russell will follow up in the spring to see that all was completed.

Testing of Pressure Reducing Valves in Heritage Hills – The testing of the pressure reducing valves in Heritage Hills is still a work in progress. The one at Lake Lodge

which controls five hydrants in the area was repaired.

Hydrants at DeCicco & Sons – Marc Brassard informed Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso that the main has been flushed.

Lincoln Hall – Renovations were made to the Cedar and Fallahee cottages in Lincoln Hall. The contractor provided the scope of work as well as a copy of the electrical inspection and it was determined that no additional information regarding the project was required. A follow up letter was sent to Lincoln Hall's Jack Flavin by the Building Inspector.

Open Burns Guidelines – A discussion took place last month regarding Open Burns. 1st Assistant Chief Mackey suggested that the NYS DEC guidelines be looked at. The review process continued and all agreed to research this topic further.

Crossroads at Baldwin Place – The fire alarm and sprinkler system at the Crossroads at Baldwin Place was tested and passed. In addition, a post with a sign that has a picture of a fire hydrant will be erected by the garbage enclosure behind which, one of the hydrants is located.

DeCicco & Sons – The fire alarm and sprinkler system at DeCicco & Sons was tested and passed.

Home Goods – Last month it was reported that wooden pallets were blocking the exterior of the back door of Home Goods. Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso verbally notified the store manager that the area had to be cleared and the wooden pallets disposed of. A follow up inspection was done and all has been taken care of.

Driveway Gates Discussion – Bureau Chief Tooma would like to draft a local law to address driveway gate requirements. Information was received from Bedford, Lewisboro, New Castle and North Salem as to their policies. Mrs. Schirmer will reach out to North Castle as well. There was no response from Yorktown. A discussion ensued and further research will be done.

SOMERS FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF'S REPORT

Ex-Chief Jody Leverich reported on the following:

48 Route 6 – There was a boiler malfunction at 48 Route 6 on December 14th. Both the boiler and fresh air vent were replaced. The basement area has been cleaned.

1 Deerfield Lane – A call was responded to at 1 Deerfield Lane on December 18. A fire was started in the fireplace without the flue being opened.

63 Hallocks Run – A call was responded to at 63 Hallocks Run on December 31. A fire was started in the fireplace without the flue being opened.

690B Heritage Hills – An oven fire started as a result of burnt food at 690B Heritage Hills.

1 Cortlandt Manor Road – A tree fell in a thunderstorm and took out the service at 1 Cortlandt Manor Road.

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT

Deputy Chief Russell and Deputy Chief Vigliotti had nothing to report this evening.

CHIEF FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso reported the following:

This evening the Somers Volunteer Fire Department will be doing a walk-through at DeCicco & Sons. Mr. Premuroso and Mr. Tooma were there last week.

A new liquor store will be opening soon at 155 Route 202.

A laundromat will be opening soon at 80 Route 6.

The White Plains Hospital is taking over the space where the M&T Bank was at 325 Route 100.

Drini's Taverna at 2 Old Tomahawk Street has re-branded and re-opened as Barnwood Grill.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business this evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 13th at 4:30 p.m. in the Building Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Bureau of Fire Prevention

cc: Bureau of Fire Prevention
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