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CHIEF



MEETING MINUTES

April 10, 2019

Bureau Chief Tooma called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. The following were in attendance: Bureau Chief Tom Tooma, Somers Volunteer Fire Department Ex-Chief Jody Leverich, Somers Volunteer Fire Department 1st Assistant Chief Jon Mackey, Chief Fire Inspector William Premuroso, Deputy Chief Robert Russell, and Deputy Chief Al Vigliotti.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Deputy Chief Russell to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2019 meeting as submitted. Deputy Chief Vigliotti seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SUBMISSIONS

Extension of Heritage Hills Sewer District – A review and discussion of an updated site plan submitted for the extension of the Heritage Hills Sewer District took place. Last month, the Bureau sent a memo to Planning and Engineering as they wanted to know the location of the generator, its approximate dimensions, and make as well as model. Two Generac generators will be installed and their locations are indicated on the updated plan. In addition, the Generac specifications for each were provided. The Bureau would like to know if the proposed LP tanks for the generator are above ground or buried and how far from the property line they will be placed. The applicant will be reminded that any indicating lighting for the alarm system for the generators can't be red or blue. A memo will be sent to Planning and Engineering.

OLD BUSINESS

Paramount at Somers – A Notice of Violation and a Court Appearance Ticket was issued for work done without a Building Permit at Paramount at Somers. Professional

plans for the work performed were submitted and a Building Permit issued. Electrical and final inspections are required before the Permit can be closed out.

Portable Generators – Although a permit is not required for portable generators, an electrical inspection has to be done for the installation of a transfer switch. The Bureau suggests for safety purposes that propane generators are preferable to gasoline or diesel generators.

247 Route 100 – When the ground dries out, gray x pavers will be installed at 247 Route 100 and the 10,000-gallon water storage tank tested to be sure it is functioning. Deputy Chief Russell will follow up to see that this has been done. Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso reported that the conex container near the dry hydrant is no longer there, but there are still wood pallets that have to be removed from the property.

Hydrants in Heritage Hills – Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso reported that the flushing of the hydrants in Heritage Hills has not been done yet. In addition, the bonnets of the hydrants controlled by the pressure reducing valves have to be painted white.

Open Burns Guidelines – All reviewed the document that 1st Assistant Fire Chief Mackey drafted regarding Open Burn Guidelines and agreed it can be distributed to the members of the Fire Department, as well as posted on their website.

Driveway Gates Discussion – Bureau Chief Tooma drafted a local law to address driveway gate requirements. Copies were shared and discussed. Suggested changes will be made and a new draft emailed so it can be finalized at the next meeting.

3 Greenlawn Road – Assistant Building Inspector Dennis Drogan met with the caretaker of 3 Greenlawn Road and reported the following: the baseboard heater broke and damaged the hardwood floors in the master bedroom; and insulation as well as drywall in the garage. Permits will not be required for the repair work.

15 Annarock Drive – In February, the daughter of the owners of 15 Annarock Drive came to check on her parent's house and found it to be flooded as a result of a broken pipe. The Code Enforcement Officer sent a letter requesting that he be contacted to discuss the issue further and there has not been a response. An attempt will be now made to hand deliver the letter.

White Plains Hospital – Last month, plans that were submitted to secure a Building Permit for White Plains Hospital who is taking over where the M&T Bank and GNC were at 325 Route 100 were reviewed and discussed. All agreed that it might make sense to have a parking spot dedicated for ambulances in the back of the building. 1st Assistant Fire Chief Mackey conducted a site visit and shared some pictures he took. Deputy Chief Vigliotti also visited the site and sketched out some proposed changes, including adding a sign at the ramp that says "do not block emergency access". Bureau Chief Tooma will discuss this further with the Town Planner.

SOMERS FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF'S REPORT

1st Assistant Fire Chief Mackey reported on the following:

11 Butler Hill Road – The Fire Department responded to an open burn at 11 Butler Hill Road.

34 Rogers Lane – There was a chimney fire at 34 Rogers Lane. The owner will be notified that a certificate confirming cleaning and inspection of the chimney must be submitted and in the meantime the fireplace should not be used.

31 Carolyn Way – An open burn was responded to by the Fire Department at 31 Carolyn Way.

2 Granite Springs Road – Smoke from a wood burning stove was mistakenly reported as a structure fire at 2 Granite Springs Road.

186 Route 202 – The chimney from a pellet/wood stove set the deck on fire at 186 Route 202. A letter was sent on Monday to the owner concerning the situation, as well as the fact that there is no record of a Building Permit issued for said stove.

Paper Road Signs – Road signs have been posted in Avalon and the section of Heritage Hills serviced by natural gas, have caused much confusion because those roads are not in the 911 and Town's systems. Bureau Chief Tooma will check the site plans for these developments and report back next month.

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT

Deputy Chief Russell and Deputy Chief Vigliotti did not have anything to report this evening.

CHIEF FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso reported the following:

Artis Senior Living – Last month recent plans of Artis Senior Living to be constructed at 51 Clayton Boulevard were reviewed and discussed. The Bureau requested an updated site plan reflecting the items discussed at the March 14, 2018 Bureau meeting, which have not yet been received.

Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso spoke with the engineer of the project indicating that the access road must be 20' wide, not the proposed 10'. The Building Inspector will follow up regarding this issue before the Building Permit is issued.

NEW BUSINESS

247 Route 100 – Ex Chief Leverich was recently in the first building on the left at 247 Route 100 and found the fire extinguishers to be expired and exit lights out. Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso will follow up.

4 Orchard Hill Road – Bureau Chief Tooma alerted the members to a very narrow entry between two stone pillars accessing 4 Orchard Hill Road. 1st Assistant Fire Chief Mackey will measure the opening and report back at the next meeting. In addition, there is a legal accessory apartment in a detached building up and over a knoll from the principal dwelling that they should be aware of in case of a 911 call.

Anglebrook Golf Club – Bureau Chief Tooma shared with the members a proposal for the Anglebrook Golf Club regarding the installation of a new gas fed air conditioning unit protected by bollards. There were no concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 8th at 4:30 p.m. in the Building Department.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bureau of Fire Prevention

cc: Bureau of Fire Prevention
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