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THOMAS J. TOOMA, JR.  
CHIEF



**MEETING MINUTES**

**May 8, 2019**

Bureau Chief Tooma called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. The following were in attendance: Bureau Chief Tom Tooma, Somers Volunteer Fire Department 1<sup>st</sup> 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 April 10, 2019 meeting as submitted. Deputy Chief Vigliotti seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**SUBMISSIONS**

**63 Route 6 – Coral Seafood Restaurant** – The Bureau reviewed and discussed an updated site plan for Coral Seafood Restaurant located at 63 Route 6. As indicated in their memo to Planning and Engineering of March 15, 2019, they would like the asphalt drive between the existing concrete walkway at the street and the building front walkway for the entire length of the existing concrete walkway at the street designated as “fire lane no parking or standing”; a Knox box installed; and two bollards placed at the east elevation exit of the building. A memo will be sent to Planning and Engineering.

**3 Cardinal Way – North County Homes** – The Bureau reviewed and discussed an updated preliminary subdivision for North County Homes at 3 Cardinal Way. There were no objections. 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 have been done and the Permit has been closed out.

**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. There are still wood pallets that have to be removed from the property. Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso will also follow up regarding expired fire extinguishers and exit lights that are out.

**Hydrants in Heritage Hills** – Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso reported that the flushing of the hydrants in Heritage Hills has not been started yet. In addition, the bonnets of the hydrants controlled by the pressure reducing valves have to be painted white. He will continue to follow up and report back with updates.

**Driveway Gates Discussion** – Bureau Chief Tooma drafted a local law to address driveway gate requirements. Copies were shared and discussed. Suggested changes were made by Deputy Chief Russell and all were in agreeance. A memo will be sent to the Town Board requesting this addition to the Code of the Town of Somers.

**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 was not a response. Another letter was taped to the front door of the house after the last meeting with again, no return call. Arrangements will be made to have the Assistant Building Inspector conduct a site inspection to see if anyone is home.

**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. 1<sup>st</sup> 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 discussed this further with the Town Planner and a site plan is not required for their alteration. He will meet with a representative to check the grading of the ramp to see if it can be accomplished compliant with regulations.

**34 Rogers Lane** – There was a chimney fire at 34 Rogers Lane. The owner submitted a certificate confirming cleaning and inspection. There are actually two fireplaces in the house, both of which he was told should no longer be used. The owner will close up both fireplaces.

**186 Route 202** – The chimney from a pellet stove set the deck on fire at 186 Route 202. The owner met with the Building Inspector about securing a Building Permit. He is still awaiting the make and model of the stove, as well as the venting information so that a

Permit can be issued.

**Paper Road Signs** – Road signs have been posted in Avalon and the section of Heritage Hills serviced by natural gas. They have caused much confusion because those roads are not in the 911 and Town's systems. In 2015, the Bureau approved Columbus Street, Halstead Street, Hoyt Street and Reynolds Drive in Avalon. Mrs. Schirmer has been asked to reach out to Con Edison to try and determine the need for these road signs, as well as those in Heritage Hills.

**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. It has been confirmed that these items do not need to be addressed by the Planning Board. Bureau Chief Tooma and Mrs. Schirmer will discuss further and 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. 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Fire Chief Mackey will measure the opening and report back at the June meeting.

#### **SOMERS FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF'S REPORT**

1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Fire Chief Mackey reported on the following:

**200 Route 118** – 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Fire Chief Mackey reported that the owners of the property were running a propane powered forklift in their garage which resulted in the alarm going off. The importance of leaving both doors open when the forklift is in use was discussed. In addition, Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso conducted a site visit. Most of what is being stored there is combustible, not flammable. The propane signs were faded, and the extinguisher as well as the exit signs outdated. Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso will follow up. Their Safety Data Sheets were given to Chief Mackey.

**12 Raemont Road** – The Fire Department responded to a call at 12 Raemont Road as a result of a broken water pipe that caused steam.

**9 Travis Road** – There was an appliance malfunction at 9 Travis Road.

#### **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 did not have anything to report this evening.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**5 Adson Way** – Bureau Chief Tooma informed the Bureau that there is a new soon to

be occupied house at 5 Adson Way in the Merritt Park subdivision off of Robert Martin Boulevard off of Lovell Street. The next house, 3 Adson Way will begin being constructed soon. A total of 14 houses will be built.

**Annual Report** – As stated in the Code of the Town of Somers, the Annual Report of the Bureau of Fire Prevention is to be submitted to the Town Board on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January yearly. All agreed that the submission of monthly minutes and reports, as has been common practice since 2006 covers this requirement.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 12<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  
Planning Board  
Principal Engineering Technician  
Somers Fire District