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CHIEF



MEETING MINUTES

June 12, 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 1st Assistant Chief Jon Mackey, Deputy Chief Robert Russell, and Deputy Chief Al Vigliotti.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Deputy Chief Vigliotti to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2019 meeting as submitted. Deputy Chief Russell seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SUBMISSIONS

Crown Castle AT&T – The Bureau reviewed and discussed information received for Crown Castle AT&T. There were no comments. A memo will be sent to Planning and Engineering.

UBP Towne Centre at Somers Extension of Heritage Hills Sewer District – A review and discussion took place with regard to an updated site plan received for UBP Towne Centre at Somers Extension of Heritage Hills Sewer District. At the request of the Bureau, they were informed that the LP tanks for the generator are above ground and the updated site plan indicated how far they were from the property line. Prior to the meeting there was a concern about the distance of the LP tanks to the generator and that issue has been resolved.

63 Route 6 – Coral Seafood Restaurant – The Bureau reviewed and discussed an updated site plan for Coral Seafood Restaurant located at 63 Route 6. The requested Knox box and bollards (two of them) were noted on the site plan. All were satisfied with the zebra striping along the curbs.

OLD BUSINESS

247 Route 100 – Deputy Chief Russell spoke with the Facilities Manager of 247 Route 100 Greg Bidwell. One of the conex boxes is no longer there, but the other two are filled with documents that have to be shredded. As soon as that has been done, they will also be removed from the property and the gray x pavers will be installed. 1st Assistant Fire Chief Mackey will conduct a site visit to make sure the roadway to the cell tower is accessible. The wood pallets are gone, but there is some miscellaneous gym equipment that has to be disposed of. Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso will be asked to follow up regarding this issue as well as the expired fire extinguishers and exit lights that are out.

Hydrants in Heritage Hills – Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso reported last month 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 – The Bureau had drafted a local law to address driveway gate requirements, which was sent to the Town Board. Bureau Chief Tooma and Deputy Chief Russell met with the Town Board at their June 6th meeting. There were some concerns which were shared and discussed this evening. An updated memo was drafted and will be sent to the Town Board.

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. Numerous attempts have been made in writing, and in person to discuss the issue further with no response. Copies of the written correspondences will be placed in the property building file.

White Plains Hospital – The White Plains Hospital is moving into the space where the M&T Bank and GNC were at 325 Route 100. Plans received 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. Bureau Chief Tooma discussed this further with applicant and will also speak with the property owner to see if they are willing to do the work.

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 for the pellet stove. He is still awaiting the venting information so that a Permit can be issued.

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 and 1st Assistant Fire Chief Mackey has made arrangements to have them added to the County GIS system. He also has a contact for Con Edison and will reach out to try and determine the need for

the road signs in Heritage Hills.

Artis Senior Living – Plans for Artis Senior Living to be constructed at 51 Clayton Boulevard have been 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. Mr. Tooma address these items with them when the Building Permit is issued. In the meantime, Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso contacted the engineer regarding the access road and they are willing to submit a plan compliant to the Code for the access road.

4 Orchard Hill Road – Bureau Chief Tooma had alerted the members to a very narrow entry between two stone pillars accessing 4 Orchard Hill Road. 1st Assistant Fire Chief Mackey measured the opening and it is 123” which would accommodate an ambulance, but he is waiting on a determination for a firetruck.

SOMERS FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF’S REPORT

1st Assistant Fire Chief Mackey had no report this evening.

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 was not present.

NEW BUSINESS

Heritage Hills Traffic Calming Devices on the East Hill – It was brought to the attention of the Chief Fire Inspector that traffic calming devices are in the process of being installed on the East Hill in Heritage Hills. Ultimately the Fire Department should have been involved in this project and they were not. A call was made to the Heritage Hills Society regarding this situation by the Chief Fire Inspector.

New Businesses Opening – Two new businesses have opened in Town, Keller Williams and Purple Orchid Salon at 57 Route 6 and soon to be opened JAD Deli at 256 Route 100.

Meeting Day Change – The Planning Board meets on the same night as the Bureau of Fire Prevention, and many of their applications get referred out to the Bureau for review and comment. More often than not, the Bureau is not having an opportunity to see the plans for the first time until the night of the Planning Board meeting which is causing issues. With that in mind, the Bureau would like to change their meeting night from the 2nd Wednesday to the 3rd and to also have the opportunity to set the meeting days and times at their yearly organizational meeting in January. A memo will be sent to the Town Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 17th 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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