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THOMAS J. TOOMA, JR.  
CHIEF



**MEETING MINUTES**

**October 16, 2019**

Bureau Chief Tooma called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. The following were in attendance: Bureau Chief Tom Tooma, Deputy Chief Robert Russell, Chief Fire Inspector Bill Premuroso, Somers Volunteer Fire Department 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Jon Mackey, and Deputy Chief Al Vigliotti.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Deputy Chief Russell to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2019 meeting as submitted. Bureau Chief Tooma seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**SUBMISSIONS**

**Cobbling Rock Estates** – An updated site plan was reviewed and discussed. The Bureau would like confirmation that the lollipop cul-de-sac and access road are compliant with Appendix D of the 2015 International Fire Code. A memo will be sent to Planning and Engineering.

**JFK Catholic High School** – A review and discussion took place regarding a site plan amendment to allow a 10' by 25' concession stand and lighting standards on the football field. LED lighting with dark sky requirements will be used. The Bureau will conduct a site visit to determine the location of the proposed concession stand as it was unclear on the information provided. In addition, the Bureau would like to reiterate their request that a land line be installed in the proposed concession stand for emergency calls as stated in their memo of July 12, 2017. A memo will be sent to Planning and Engineering.

**Somers Manor Nursing Home (The Paramount at Somers)** – The Bureau reviewed and discussed an updated site plan for the Somers Manor Nursing Home (The

Paramount at Somers) to construct a weather tight main entry vestibule below an existing canopy. The new canopy will extend from the building entry to the vehicle drop off area. The sidewalk/patio area will be upgraded, and the area below and adjoining the new canopy will be landscaped. There were no comments. A memo will be sent to Planning and Engineering.

**The New Private School in Somers** – Somers Volunteer Fire Department 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Jon Mackey reported that he was contacted by a consultant hired by The New Private School in Somers. They are requesting a record of past calls responded to when it was under the ownership of IBM.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**247 Route 100** – A conex box still remains on the property which is preventing gray x pavers to be installed as indicated on the approved site plan. In addition, Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso reported that the wood pallets have not been removed and more have appeared. There is also some other debris collecting. Mrs. Schirmer will request a copy of the approved site plan from the Planning Department so that a list of violations can be created and a Notice of Violation sent.

**Hydrants in Heritage Hills** – The flushing of the hydrants in Heritage Hills has started, but the progress has been slow. The bonnets of the hydrants controlled by the pressure reducing valves have still not been painted. Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso will reach out to Marc Brassard in an effort to get some assistance in seeing this to fruition.

**Driveway Gates Discussion** – The Bureau updated a draft of a local law to address driveway gate requirements and sent it to the Town Board on July 3<sup>rd</sup> along with the original memo and gate information from neighboring Towns with no response. The information will be resent.

**White Plains Hospital** – Somers Volunteer Fire Department 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Jon Mackey met with the White Plains Hospital facilities manager to review some concerns, in particular ambulance access. That area is already marked as a no parking fire lane and Mr. Mackey was satisfied with their plan in addressing the concerns.

**Road Signs** – A letter has been drafted to address the issue with the road signs in the section of Heritage Hills serviced by natural gas. There is concern that they could cause a dangerous situation if a 911 call was not reported properly. Some of these road signs are not only similar, but also resemble others in Town. All agreed the safest resolve to this situation is that the road signs be removed. It will be sent to Supervisor Morrissey for his input. The final letter will be distributed via the Heritage Hills Council of Condominiums.

**South Lane** – There is some concern that emergency personnel may not be able to easily locate a dwelling on South Lane as it splits at one point. Mrs. Schirmer is waiting on a map of the road from Steve Woelfle and a recommendation will be made as to the location of a directional signal to the Town Board.

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

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

The Fire Department responded to an inside electrical problem at 352 Route 202. No follow up is required by the Building Department.

There was an open burn at 2690 Route 35. Information regarding open burns will be posted on the Fire Department's website and their Facebook page.

On September 28<sup>th</sup>, the Fire Department responded to a call at Un-Wined at 80 Route 6 to find explosive levels of gas in the building. Evidently the owners blow the pilot light out at night and shut the gas off, but someone forgot to shut off the gas the night before. The owner was advised by Con Edison and the Chief Fire Inspector that they are not benefiting from this practice and in fact creating a dangerous situation.

## **BUREAU CHIEF'S REPORT**

Bureau Chief Tooma didn't have anything to report.

## **DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT**

Deputy Chief Russell reported on the following:

**House Numbering** – A resident attended a recent Town Board meeting regarding his concern over house numbering. A few years ago, at the request of the Bureau, the information from the Code of the Town of Somers concerning this subject was posted on the Town website. When any of the Building Department inspectors are in the field, they are consciously looking for house numbers and if it is noticed that a resident does not have one, a courtesy letter is sent to them. In addition, when the Building Department issues a Building Permit, the cover letter that accompanies the Permit reminds the owner about the need for a house number. The Somers Volunteer Fire Department also brings this requirement to the attention of the owner when they respond to calls.

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

Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso reported on the following:

The hydrant caps in Green Briar have been painted green. Mr. Premuroso is waiting to hear back from Heritage Management Services concerning a small leak in the Clubhouse and the sprinkler shut off valve sign in its kitchen.

Mr. Premuroso is in the process of inspecting the following new businesses: Bobo's Café, Chicken Coop and Coral Seafood.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**9 Hole Golf Course Maintenance Building** – Mr. Tooma reported that the 9 Hole Golf

Course and its maintenance building in Heritage Hills is now vacant. The Code Enforcer is working with the owner regarding some issues that have caused some of the resident's concern.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20<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