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THOMAS J. TOOMA, JR.
CHIEF



MEETING MINUTES

April 15, 2020

Bureau Chief Tooma called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. The following were in attendance: Somers Volunteer Fire Department Captain Greg Lucia, Somers Volunteer Fire Department 1st Assistant Chief Jon Mackey, Deputy Chief Rob Russell, Bureau Chief Tom Tooma and Deputy Chief Al Vigliotti.

The meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Deputy Chief Russell to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2020 meeting as submitted. Bureau Chief Tooma seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SUBMISSIONS

Panny Two Lot Preliminary Subdivision (19 Olive Drive) – The preliminary site plan for the Panny Two Lot Subdivision (19 Olive Drive) was reviewed and discussed. Although individual site visits will be conducted, the Bureau agreed that for access purposes, the road should start at Acacia Drive and go beyond the driveway of the proposed second home and have a cul-de-sac at the end of it. A memo will be sent to Planning and Engineering.

OLD BUSINESS

Cobbling Rock Estates – The Bureau had sent a memo that the cul-de-sacs in Cobbling Rock Estates should have a minimum diameter of 96' to be compliant with the 2015 International Fire Code Appendix D. A letter was received from Bibbo Associates indicating that the cul-de-sacs would be 90' in diameter as required by the Town code. All agreed that although the extra 6' would be helpful, 90' would suffice.

247 Route 100 – A Notice of Violation will be issued for the lack of pavers as per the original site plan requirements; Conex box; storage of combustible materials; rubbish; and collection of pallets.

Hydrants in Heritage Hills – Although the flushing of the hydrants is an ongoing work in progress, there are some concerns about the maintenance of the hydrants, particularly with the caps seizing up. Mr. Premuroso will make arrangements for a meeting that Mr. Lucia and Mr. Mackey would like to be included in as well.

Driveway Gates – The Town is in receipt of the legislation sent down from the State regarding driveway gate requirements that were approved by the Town Board, but it still has not be added to the e-code. The Town Clerk is working on resolving this issue.

South Lane – Mrs. Schirmer requested an update from Highway Superintendent Nick DeVito regarding receipt of the directional sign for South Lane that was ordered on February 20th. As soon as it arrives, it will be installed.

Heritage 202 Center – Last month, Mr. Mackey shared his concern about the area in front of the stores at the Heritage 202 shopping center as it is not marked as a fire zone and there are cars constantly parked there. Mr. Tooma reported that the code specifically indicates the areas to be marked in that shopping center as no parking, no standing, fire zone. Mrs. Schirmer will reach out to the owners of the shopping center, Urstadt Biddle to address this issue. The Bureau would like to review the signs before they are purchased and installed.

SOMERS FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF'S REPORT

1st Assistant Chief Mackey reported on the following:

On March 29th, the Fire Department responded to a call at 8 Chambers Drive for a burnt outlet in the wall.

Open Burns Regulations – Mr. Mackey created a document that was a compilation of the codes on open burns from the International Fire Code, Westchester County and NYSDEC to be used as a guideline for their members when responding to related calls and the community at large for informational purposes. Bureau Chief Tooma would like each code segmented out so that if a violation must be issued, it is clear which agency's code is being cited. The final document will be shared with the Town Attorney to determine whether the Town can adopt some enforcement language for the document. Mr. Mackey mentioned that other local municipalities have local laws on open burning, he will attempt to find out when the local laws were enacted.

BUREAU CHIEF'S REPORT

Mr. Tooma did not have anything to report this evening.

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT

Deputy Chiefs Russell and Vigliotti did not have anything to report.

CHIEF FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso was not present, therefore there was no report.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business this month.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 20th 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
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