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THOMAS J. TOOMA, JR.  
CHIEF



**MEETING MINUTES**

**May 20, 2020**

Bureau Chief Tooma called the meeting to order at 4:50 p.m. after a glitch with Zoom. The following were in attendance: Somers Volunteer Fire Department Captain Greg Lucia, Somers Volunteer Fire Department 1<sup>st</sup> 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 April 15, 2020 meeting as submitted. Deputy Chief Vigliotti seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**SUBMISSIONS**

There were no submissions this evening.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**247 Route 100** – A Notice of Violation was issued on May 6<sup>th</sup> as the property was in violation of the Code of the Town of Somers as follows: for the lack of pavers between the dry hydrant and the driveway as per the original site plan requirements; the addition of a Conex box limiting access to the dry hydrant in contrast with the original site plan; the placement of a trailer in front of the loading docks in contrast with the original site plan; and the combustible materials, rubbish, as well as pallets strewn around the property. To date there has been no response indicating the issues have been resolved and the property is in compliance, but a request has been made to be able to keep the trailer.

**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 been added to the e-code. The Town Clerk is still working on resolving this issue.

**South Lane** – The directional sign has been placed at the fork on South Lane and Mr. Russell said it looks great.

**Heritage 202 Center** – Mrs. Schirmer reached out to the owners of the Heritage 202 Center, Urstadt Biddle with regard to cars constantly parking in the front of the stores and the Code requirement of that area being marked as “no parking, no standing, fire zone”. There has been no response. She will follow up. The Bureau would like to review the signs before they are purchased and installed.

**Open Burns Regulations** – Mr. Mackey provided an updated 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. Each code was segmented out so that if a violation must be issued, it is clear which agency’s code is being cited. The Bureau was pleased with the document and thanked Mr. Mackey for his efforts. It will be placed on the Fire Department’s website, Facebook page and shared with their members. Mr. Mackey will also request that it be placed on the Town’s website. The big issue that remains is enforcement. The Town Attorney will be consulted.

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

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

**7 Carpenter Place** – There was a chimney fire at 7 Carpenter Place. A follow up letter was sent requesting that their chimney be inspected and cleaned by May 31<sup>st</sup> and proof of such sent to the Building Inspector.

**38 Driftwood Drive** – A dryer fire occurred at 38 Driftwood Drive. A follow up letter was sent requesting that the owner call the Building Inspector to discuss what happened to be sure for example that the fire didn’t happen as a result of the dryer vent not being installed property.

### **BUREAU CHIEF’S REPORT**

Bureau Chief Tooma reported that the State code has been updated and a review has to take place as to how it compares to the 1977 Fire Prevention Code also known as Local Law No. 1 and No. 2. Since former Building Inspector Emil Antonaccio was instrumental in creating the 1977 Local Law, Mr. Tooma has consulted him regarding this item.

**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 5:50 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 17<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