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THOMAS J. TOOMA, JR.
CHIEF



MEETING MINUTES

July 15, 2020

Bureau Chief Tooma called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

The following were in attendance: Somers Volunteer Fire Department 2nd Assistant Chief Greg Lucia, Somers Volunteer Fire Department 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 June 17, 2020 meeting as submitted. Deputy Chief Vigliotti seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SUBMISSIONS

NYAW GAC System Town of Somers Site Plan Approval Application – The Bureau reviewed and discussed a submission for the NYAW GAC System in The Willows for a new building that is 18' by 24' and mandated by the Health Department that will house water treatment equipment. The Bureau would like to know if chemicals are going to be stored in the building and the plans for exterior signage if so. A memo will be sent to Planning and Engineering.

OLD BUSINESS

247 Route 100 – A Notice of Violation was issued on May 6th 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. As soon as the courts open up, a Court Appearance Ticket will be issued. Mr. Russell reported that the conex box has been removed and he will continue to check the property until a ticket can be issued.

Hydrants in Heritage Hills – Assistant Building Inspector Rich Servello reported that he spoke with Seth from VRI Environmental Services who take care of the hydrants for Heritage Hills Water and Sewer and they began hydrant maintenance this past Monday on the west side of Heritage Hills and on July 20th will begin on the east side.

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 has been trying effortlessly to find out why this new legislation hasn't been added yet.

Heritage 202 Center – Mrs. Schirmer shared a rendition of the proposed signs to be placed in the two existing locations (by Fratelli's and Bobo's Café) at the Heritage 202 Center. They read "No Parking, Standing, Fire Lane" in red letters on a white background. Hopefully these new signs will prevent cars from constantly parking in front of the stores.

Artis Senior Living Fire Alarm System Plan – Bureau Chief Tooma has shared the Artis Senior Living Fire Alarm System plan with Mr. Servello. Mrs. Schirmer has provided them with a Fire Alarm Permit application. As soon as completed, Mr. Servello and Somers Fire Chief Mr. Mackey will test and inspect the system before it is deemed operational.

Outdoor Dining – Last month some concerns were discussed about Barnwood Grill as they have a driveway blocked and propane heaters have been placed on top of astro turf. Although the problems have been rectified, there is now an issue with cars parking up and down both sides of Old Tomahawk Street, preventing a firetruck from being able to be pulled out of the Granite Springs Fire House. That area is marked with No Parking signs and cars are blocking them. On one occasion the owners of Barnwood Grill made an announcement and only two cars were moved. The Somers Police were called and no tickets were issued, even in the No Parking zone. All agreed to send a memo to the Town Board requesting that they take this issue up with the Somers Police and ask that they make frequent checks on Friday and Saturday evenings. Mrs. Schirmer will draft a memo for everyone to review.

Paper Roads in Heritage Hills – Ongoing.

Paper Roads in Avalon – Last month, 2nd Assistant Fire Chief Lucia asked about the paper roads in Avalon. He sent pictures to Mrs. Schirmer. It was reported that those roads were approved by the Town Board and the Bureau had input on the names at the time.

SOMERS FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF'S REPORT

2nd Assistant Chief Lucia reported on the following:

There was a call at 4 Linda Lane on June 21 due to an overheated appliance.

On June 25 the Fire Department responded to a call at 177D Heritage Hills for smoke from cooking.

There was a grill fire with negative extension to the home or deck responded to on June 27 at 41 Cortlandt Manor Road.

Recently it was discovered that a door facing Lovell Street at 155 Route 202 in the space where the new Quick Stop will be going has been boarded up and sheet rocked. Evidently it has been like that for many years and a building permit issued included that work. Mr. Tooma will send Assistant Building Inspector Mike Dunbar over there to take a look. If it is not needed, it really should be removed, leaving the only access into the building the front door off the parking lot. Mr. Russell mentioned there are bars on the inside glass of that location and really should be removed.

BUREAU CHIEF'S REPORT

Bureau Chief Tooma provided Chief Mackey with an updated contact list for 60 Control.

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT

Deputy Chief Russell had nothing to report this evening.

Deputy Chief Vigliotti reported that last Wednesday a draft pumping drill took place at Deans Bridge Road pond and they were unable to access the pond because new fencing has been erected. He would like a letter sent to their Homeowner's Association requesting that they remove a section of the fencing to the left side of the beach and replace it with a chain so they can get closer to the pond. Mr. Lucia would like that chain to have a knox box lock on it so they don't have to cut it when they need access. Mr. Russell will take pictures and Mrs. Schirmer will send a letter.

CHIEF FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Servello is working with Mrs. Schirmer to create a list of fire inspections that need to be done. It was announced that the Somers Pub has closed. As there have been concerns in the past with their basement, Mr. Russell would like Mr. Tooma to discuss those issues with a new tenant when and if that happens. Mr. Premuroso would have documented those concerns in the file he kept on that property.

A new business Audiology Associates of Westchester will be moving into the Towne Centre at Somers at 325 Route 100 in the corner by Oscar's II.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 19th 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
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