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**Town of Somers**

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THOMAS J. TOOMA, JR.  
CHIEF



**MEETING MINUTES**

**August 19, 2020**

Bureau Chief Tooma called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

The following were in attendance: 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 Vigliotti to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2020 meeting as submitted. Deputy Chief Russell 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. Mr. Russell reported that the only item left to be dealt with is the lack of pavers between the dry hydrant and the driveway as per the original site plan requirements. Mrs. Schirmer will send a letter to the property manager Greg Bidwell.

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

**Artis Senior Living Fire Alarm System Plan** – The Artis Senior Living Fire Alarm System plan is still in the review process and a permit has not been issued yet.

**Outdoor Dining** – To date, Mr. Tooma has not heard about any issues from the Fire Department and if Assistant Building Inspector Rich Servello has noticed any they have been corrected. Mr. Russell noticed traffic cones blocking the dining tables outside of Unwined at 80 Route 6 and wondered if they were secure enough as he has seen sturdier barriers used such as hay bales and wood. Mr. Servello will be consulted about this.

**Paper Roads in Heritage Hills** – Ongoing.

**Deans Bridge Pond** – A letter and picture will be sent to the home owners association requesting that a piece of their fencing be removed and replaced with a chain and knox box lock so the Fire Department can nose up to the pond when conducting water drafting drills. The pond is an important water source for the protection of the neighborhood.

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

The following was reported via email by Chief Mackey:

On August 10<sup>th</sup>, there was a water heater fire at 51 Londonderry Lane.

An AC unit on the M&T Bank burnt up because of power surges on August 18<sup>th</sup> at the Somers Commons at 80 Route 6.

### **BUREAU CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Tooma reported that he was asked to respond to a house fire at 7 Eastern Way on August 6<sup>th</sup> that was determined to be accidental and electrical in nature. The house is uninhabitable and the owners are in the process of deciding whether to rebuild or repair.

### **DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT**

Deputy Chief Russell's report was covered under Outdoor Dining under Old Business and Deputy Chief Vigliotti had nothing to report this evening.

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

Mrs. Schirmer reported that recently there was a water flow alarm at Imperial Wok, and it was reported that the restaurant is no longer in business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 16<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