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THOMAS J. TOOMA, JR.
CHIEF



MEETING MINUTES

September 16, 2020

Bureau Chief Tooma called the meeting to order at 4:30 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 Vigliotti to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2020 meeting as submitted. Bureau Chief Tooma seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SUBMISSIONS

7-Eleven – 265 Route 202 – The Bureau reviewed and discussed a site plan for 7-Eleven located at 265 Route 202. There were no comments. A memo will be sent to the Planning Board.

CVS – 77 and 81 Route 6 – A review and discussion took place about the site plan for CVS located at 77 and 81 Route 6. The Bureau would like to know if a fire hydrant is being proposed and if so its location, as well as that of the Fire Department connections. A memo will be sent to Planning and Engineering.

OLD BUSINESS

247 Route 100 – A Notice of Violation was issued and the owners are keeping the Code Enforcement Officer updated as to when they can install the pavers.

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 continues to try to find out why this new legislation hasn't been added yet.

Artis Senior Living Fire Alarm System Plan – Mr. Mackey met with the developers at the site and discussed the location of the knock box, Fire Department connection and fire alarm panel. An email was received from Insite Engineering regarding the width of the double swing gate with no center post to access the rear of the building. All agreed that 125" would suffice, however the Bureau would like it to be maintained in the winter to be free of snow and ice.

Outdoor Dining – Mr. Tooma reported that there have been no issues, and Mr. Lucia as well as Mr. Mackey confirmed the same.

Paper Roads in Heritage Hills – Ongoing.

Deans Bridge Pond – A letter and picture was sent to the home owners association requesting that a piece of their fencing be removed and replaced with a chain and knock box lock so the Fire Department can nose up to the pond when conducting water drafting drills as the pond is an important water source for the protection of the neighborhood. Mrs. Schirmer received a phone call from one of their Board members who indicated that they are happy to comply, but would like financial and man power assistance. Mr. Mackey is going to drive an engine there to see if he can get around the fence to the right and draft from that area.

SOMERS FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF'S REPORT

The following was reported by Chiefs Lucia and Mackey:

On August 22nd there was a battery short in the garage that caused a fire. The battery was for their solar panels which have since been taken down and Assistant Building Inspector Rich Servello will be conducting a site inspection on September 23rd.

There was a deck fire at 32 Fawn Lane and the Building Inspector sent a letter which has not yet been responded to. Mrs. Schirmer will follow up.

Recently, the Fire Department has responded to numerous fire alarm calls at the Somers schools. Their system is antiquated and causing the alarm to go off for no reason. He will be following up with the School District regarding this issue.

BUREAU CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Tooma had nothing additional to add.

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT

Deputy Chief Russell asked about the new security gates installed at both school

campuses. Mr. Mackey will reach out to Ken Crowley of the Somers Central School District with regard to how they work and Fire Department access.

Deputy Chief Vigliotti had nothing to report.

CHIEF FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Schirmer reported that a new shop, Brown Dyed Girl will be opening up at 280 Route 6; Green's Natural Foods at 57 Route 6; and in November, Westchester Audiology Associates in the Towne Centre at Somers located at 325 Route 100.

NEW BUSINESS

Bonfire – Mr. Mackey reported that the Fire Department may be having their monthly meeting at the Fireman's Field to include a bonfire. He will keep Mrs. Schirmer posted so a Bonfire Permit can be issued.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

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