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THOMAS J. TOOMA, JR.
CHIEF



MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 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 Russell to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2020 meeting as submitted. Bureau Chief Tooma seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SUBMISSIONS

Somers Sanitation – 241 Route 100 – The Bureau reviewed and discussed a site plan submitted for Somers Sanitation located at 241 Route 100. Building Inspector Tooma has reviewed the project and the application has to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals for some variances. They are replacing the building that refuse gets placed in. Chief Mackey recently had a walkthrough with the owner. The new building is definitely a plus when it comes to fire prevention and it will be fully sprinkled. A 50,000-gallon water storage tank will be provided and the Fire Department will have access to it. As the property abuts 247 Route 100, Deputy Chief Russell thought perhaps they would be willing to dedicate some property in case there was ever an issue at Somers Sanitation enabling them to surround and drown the building. The Bureau had no comments.

OLD BUSINESS

247 Route 100 – A determination was made to allow 247 Route 100 to remain without pavers as Fire Chief Mackey said the Fire Department would not benefit from them.

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 hasn't happened yet. There is some concern as the first driveway gate proposal is being reviewed this evening. Mrs. Schirmer will follow up.

Outdoor Dining – Some of the restaurants offering outdoor dining have not registered with Mrs. Schirmer as required by the Town. Only six restaurants have registered and only one requested a tent permit, while others have erected tents without being issued a permit to do so. Now that the weather is changing, some have added sides to the tents and heat. In an effort to get a better handle on things, Deputy Chief Russell will further investigate. Mrs. Schirmer will provide him with the list of restaurants that have been issued permits for temporary outdoor dining and the one to have a tent.

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 knox 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.

Bonfire – Mr. Mackey reported that the Fire Department will not be having their monthly meeting at the Fireman's Field, which was to include a bonfire.

SOMERS FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF'S REPORT

The following was reported by Chiefs Lucia and Mackey:

On October 7th there was a kitchen oven fire at 27 Meadow Park Road.

The Fire Department responded to a report of the odor of smoke in the basement of 14 Hilltop Road on October 8th, which was unfounded.

Fire Chief Mackey was pleased to report that Somers Realty donated a parcel of land by Artis Senior Living to the Somers Fire District and there is the possibility of building.

BUREAU CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Tooma was happy to announce that Bill Premuroso has been re-instated as the

Chief Fire Inspector and will be back in the office on Monday.

It was also reported that the Artis Senior Living facility and the Hidden Meadows Town Houses are moving along. If Fire Chief's Mackey or Lucia would like to conduct a site visit, Bureau Chief Tooma would be happy to make those arrangements. About a month ago, the Artis Senior Living folks reached out to Chief Mackey and he met with them at the site. Tomorrow he will drive through Hidden Meadows. Bureau Chief Tooma is interested in knowing if he feels that the entrance roadway is in need of any improvements in the event that there was an emergency while under construction.

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT

Deputy Chief Russell wanted to make everyone aware that there is a new traffic light at the entrance of Kennedy Catholic High School.

In addition, he thought that a request was made of the developers of Crossroads at Baldwin place for store identification on the back doors of the retail stores and numbering on the windows of the offices as well as the apartments. Mrs. Schirmer will research the minutes.

Deputy Chief Vigliotti had nothing to report.

CHIEF FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

There was no report this evening. Everyone is looking forward to seeing Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso at next month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Hidden Meadows Entrance Road – Muscoot River Road – The developers of Hidden Meadows would like to name their entrance road Muscoot River Road. As there are similar road names already existing, to eliminate confusion for the 911 system, the Bureau is suggesting Hidden River Road. Meadow is not included as there are numerous roads in Town that contain the word meadow.

Gate Installation at 37 Wood Street – The Bureau reviewed and discussed a request from Greg Weyant of Grand Entrance Gates in Mt. Kisco to install an electronic gate at the entrance of 37 Wood Street. The gate will be electronically controlled (automated), and they will provide a Knox Box Gate Key Switch (model #3502) at the entry keypad for the Fire Department. There were no objections, but considering the driveway is quite long, Building Inspector Tooma would like to know how they plan to get electricity to the gate. Mrs. Schirmer will inquire and Fire Chief Mackey will take a ride over there tomorrow. An approval letter will be sent to the owner.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Bureau of Fire Prevention

cc: Bureau of Fire Prevention
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