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THOMAS J. TOOMA, JR.  
CHIEF



**MEETING MINUTES**

**November 18, 2020**

Bureau Chief Tooma called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

The following were in attendance: Somers Volunteer Fire Department 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 October 21, 2020 meeting as submitted. Bureau Chief Tooma seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**SUBMISSIONS**

There were no submissions this evening.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**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. Although not added to date, it is still enforceable.

**Outdoor Dining** – The Temporary Outdoor Dining permits issued expire at the end of November. Code Enforcement Officer Rob Russell will inspect in the beginning of December to see if any of those restaurants are still offering outdoor dining.

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

**Deans Bridge Pond** – Fire Chief Mackey drove an engine to the Deans Bridge Pond. If all remains as is, they will still be able to draft from the pond.

**Hidden Meadows Development** – Mrs. Schirmer informed the Town Clerk via email that the Bureau is recommending the name of the Hidden Meadows entrance road to be Hidden River Road.

**Crossroads at Baldwin Place** – Although not requested when the Bureau first reviewed the plans in 2016 for the Crossroads at Baldwin Place, they now would like identification placed on the back doors of the retail spaces. Mr. Tooma will speak with the owner of the property. Mr. Russell will draft a memo to the Town Board to include this request for similar situations moving forward.

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

The following was reported by Chiefs Lucia and Mackey:

The Somers Volunteer Fire Department responded to the following calls:

12 Florence Drive – kitchen fire, no structural damage, fire extinguished prior to their arrival

32 Wood Street – an electrical service issue

550B Heritage Hills – candle burning on the stove

18 Benjamin Green Lane – fireplace chimney fire

Mrs. Schirmer will send a letter from the Building Inspector requesting confirmation that the chimney was cleaned, inspected and there was no damage.

2 Old Tomahawk Road – something burning on the stove in the apartment over the retail shops and a boiler malfunction in Barnwood Grill. Mrs. Schirmer will speak with Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso to be sure that there are separate alarms for each building.

Chief Mackey reported that there have been ongoing problems with Heritage Hills Security. The residents are being told if their carbon monoxide or smoke detectors are going off, they are to call Heritage Hills Security and if they think the situation requires the Fire Department, they will call 911. Since Security doesn't have the equipment and training to determine if there is in fact a problem, they should not be making that decision. The residents should be told to call 911, then Security. If Security determines everything is okay, then they can call 911 back. Chief Mackey will speak to Dave Jacobsen, head of Security further about this and he will also write an article for the Heritage Hills newsletter.

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

Chief Tooma wanted to make everyone aware of a situation that was brought to his

attention recently at The Mews. One of The Mews developments consisting of two buildings is located at 24 Clayton Boulevard, and the other, also consisting of two buildings is at 32 Clayton Boulevard. An inspection was requested for 34 Clayton Boulevard which is not an identifiable address. It was determined that the buildings are labeled as 32 and 34, which is not only incorrect, but can cause much confusion, which could definitely be detrimental if there was an emergency. It was suggested that the buildings be labeled as A and B for each address. Fire Chief Mackey will see how 911 dispatches calls to The Mews.

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

Deputy Chief Russell and Vigliotti had nothing to report this evening.

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

In Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso's absence, Mrs. Schirmer reported that he is having a lot of difficulty contacting the Heritage Hills Sewer and Water Works, Corp. about flushing the hydrants. Evidently, they just changed ownership. Next week he will call Marc Brassard.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 16, 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