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THOMAS J. TOOMA, JR.  
CHIEF



**MEETING MINUTES**

**December 16, 2020**

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

The following were in attendance: Somers Volunteer Fire Department Chief Jon Mackey, Bureau Chief Tom Tooma and Deputy Chief Al Vigliotti.

Deputy Chief Rob Russell absent.

The meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Deputy Chief Vigliotti to approve the minutes of the November 18, 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** – Town Clerk Patty Kalba is still working with the State about the driveway gate requirements legislation that was approved by the Town Board, but has still not been added to the e-code.

**Outdoor Dining** – Code Enforcement Officer Rob Russell has started inspecting the restaurants that were issued temporary permits for outdoor dining that expired at the end of November to be sure they are no longer offering this service.

**Paper Roads in Heritage Hills** – There are paper roads in Heritage Hills that residents

are using as their address when calling 911 which is leading to much confusion as those roads are not in the 911 cad system and were never approved by the Town. Another incidence occurred again just recently. Mr. Tooma will follow up.

**Crossroads at Baldwin Place** – Mr. Tooma spoke with a representative of the owner of Crossroads at Baldwin Place about placing identification signs on the back doors of the retail spaces. There were no objections and the signs have been ordered. Mr. Russell will draft a memo to the Town Board to include this request for similar situations moving forward.

**Gate Installation at 37 Wood Street** – An electronically controlled (automated) gate was installed at 37 Wood Street. The work has been completed and the electrical inspection received. Mr. Mackey would like to make arrangements to meet with the owner at the gate. Mrs. Schirmer will reach out to the installer to get that information for Mr. Mackey.

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

The following was reported by Chief Mackey:

Last evening, a call was responded to about a vehicle into a carport. Mr. Tooma responded. The area has been shored up and the Condo Board is seeking an architect or engineer to get plans so a building permit can be issued for the repairs.

The Fire Department responded to an EMS call at 2 Delra Lane. There appeared to be an apartment in the basement for which the Town has no record of the owner receiving a Special Exception Use Permit for. It would be helpful if the responder was willing to attest to Mr. Tooma what he witnessed so this violation can be issued.

On Monday evening a call was responded to about smoke detectors installed on the outside of a house at 159 Route 118 going off due to heavy rain. There was a question as to whether the detectors were outside rated for exterior use and if this could be a noise issue. Mr. Tooma and Mrs. Schirmer will talk about this situation further.

Last month, 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 the head of Security further about this and he will also write an article for the Heritage Hills newsletter to clarify these situation.

Last month, 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.

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

Chief Tooma let everyone know that a temporary COVID testing site has been approved to be located at the former Chase Bank at 265 Route 202. It will remain as long as the pandemic requires testing to be done. The biggest concern was traffic and there seems to be a solid plan in place to take care of that issue. They plan to open soon and Mr. Mackey will stop by.

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

Deputy Chief Russell was not present and Deputy Chief Vigliotti had nothing to report this evening.

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

Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso was not present at the meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**126 and 128 Route 139 Private Road** – As a result of a successful subdivision application, the private road at this site was to be named Primrose Commons and now the owners would like to change it to Primrose Estates as that is the name of the development. Tax Assessor Teresa Stenger will be consulted and the conversation will continue via email so a response can be made.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 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