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CHIEF



MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 2021

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

The following were in attendance: Somers Volunteer Fire Department 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 March 17, 2021 meeting as submitted. Bureau Chief Tooma seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SUBMISSIONS

Panny Two Lot Preliminary Subdivision

This 1.3-acre lot at 19 Olive Drive was recently sold. There was an existing single-family home that has since been demolished. A building permit has been issued to build a new home on the entire parcel.

As per State code requirements, the Bureau would like the road widened to the required 20' and terminating in a cul-de-sac of 96' in diameter. Municipal Law 280A will be reviewed. If the roadway was left as is, an emergency vehicle could not get down the road without another vehicle having the ability to pass by it and the emergency vehicle would have to back out of the road. Mr. Tooma will research this further.

OLD BUSINESS

Driveway Gates – The Town Clerk continues to work 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.

Named Roads in Heritage Hills – There are named 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. The Fire Department would like letters to be sent to the Condo Association Presidents as these named roads continue to be an issue for 911. Mr. Tooma and Mrs. Schirmer will speak to the Town Attorney for advisement on moving forward.

Crossroads at Baldwin Place – Mr. Russell reported that all but two of the retail brown doors in the back of the building are labeled. The Bureau would also like numbers placed on the upper windows of the commercial building. Mr. Tooma will speak with a representative of the owner of Crossroads at Baldwin Place about this new request.

Identification Memo – A memo was sent to the Town Board with regard to adopting a policy that moving forward the back doors of retail spaces must be identified in case of the need for emergency access. The Town Board set a Public Hearing for May 13th.

Opengate – Last month Fire Chief Mackey reported that the Fire Department responded to a call at Opengate and it was noticed that a dumpster on the access road would hamper a fire truck from getting in to the campus. Assistant Building Inspector Rich Servello went to Opengate and had a discussion with someone in their office. The dumpster has been removed.

School Gates – Mr. Mackey talked to the school security consultant about the Fire Department's concern about not being able to open those gates. They are working on coming up with a solution.

911 Numbering at Heritage Hills Activities Center and Maintenance Yard – Mrs. Schirmer spoke with Heritage Hill's John Milligan and the 911 numbering issue at the Activities Center has been taken care of. The Fire Department has some concerns about 83 Warren Street and 0 Fred's Way. Arrangements will be made for a few to meet at the site to discuss further.

Heritage Hills Security – Mr. Mackey has spoken with the Heritage Hills Security folks about some concerns and things have improved.

Outdoor Dining – At their April meeting, the Town Board passed a resolution allowing for outdoor dining from April 1 to December 31, 2021. Mrs. Schirmer sent out emails with applications for requesting outdoor dining, as well as applications for tent permits. There has been some response. She will let everyone know who has returned an application/s.

Heritage Hills Hydrant Flushing – Assistant Building Inspector Rich Servello has been in touch regarding the flushing of hydrants in Heritage Hills. The testing is complete and a report will be sent to Mr. Servello. He was advised that Suez Water Technologies has purchased the Heritage Hills Water and Sewer Works Corporation.

SOMERS FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF'S REPORT

The following was reported by Chief Mackey:

There have been numerous brush fires which are typical for this time of year.

The Fire Department also responded to two calls of illegal burning of construction debris; a chimney fire and a dumpster fire. Mr. Tooma will follow up regarding the dumpster fire as to what they were attempting to do when the fire broke out, as well as a cardiac issue occurring with a fireman while at that call.

The bollards at 63 Route 6 are in place, but the knox box is not. It will be installed before the restaurant opens to the public.

Artis Senior Living plans to open the first week in May and will have their knox box in place.

Recently there was a call at the Town Centre at Somers and the address reported was 104 Village Square, which is a mailing address, not the 911 address, 325 Route 100. Mrs. Schirmer will contact the owner of the property.

BUREAU CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Tooma had nothing new to report this evening.

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT

Deputy Chief Russell had no report, but Deputy Chief Vigliotti asked about the following.

Mr. Vigliotti came across no parking signs in one of the shopping areas that said "No Parking, Fire Zone" and he believes they should say "No Parking, No Standing, Fire Zone". Mrs. Schirmer will check the Code for the exact requirement.

CHIEF FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso was not present at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Adson Way – Concrete pillars have been built on either side of the driveway at a new home on Adson Way. The Bureau should have reviewed plans before they were built. The dimensions were given and Mr. Lucia will drive by there after the meeting to make sure an emergency vehicle could fit in between them. Once the local law for this type of work is added to the e-code, it should be posted on the Town and Somers Volunteer

Fire Department's, if agreeable, websites.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Bureau of Fire Prevention

cc: Bureau of Fire Prevention
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