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MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2015

Bureau Chief Citarella called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The following were in attendance: Bureau Chief Efrem Citarella, Deputy Chief Rob Russell, Deputy Chief Al Vigliotti, Chief Fire Inspector Bill Premuroso, Somers Volunteer Fire Department Chief George Wahlers, and Somers Volunteer Fire Department 1st Assistant Chief Jody Leverich.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Deputy Chief Vigliotti to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2014 meeting as submitted. Deputy Chief Russell seconded the motion. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Chief Citarella to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2014 meeting as submitted. Deputy Chief Vigliotti seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SUBMISSIONS

Gerlach/Zadjelovich Subdivision (Stuart's Farm) Preliminary Construction Plan –
The Bureau reviewed the application provided and there were no objections or comments. A memo will be sent to the Planning Department.

CHIEF AND 1st ASSISTANT CHIEF'S REPORTS

Somers Fire Chief George Wahlers and 1st Assistant Chief Leverich reported on the following:

Chili's – On January 4, combustible items resting against a kitchen hood system caught fire. The fire extinguished itself while the restaurant was closed. There was no fire

alarm or duct extinguishing system activation and the sprinklers didn't go off.

Heritage Hills Activity Center – A pipe burst in the Heritage Hills Activity Center and water got into the electrical panel. It appeared that someone had also activated the pull station in the gym and they were unable to silence the alarm. Fire Chief Premuroso reported that the alarm system situation has been rectified, the pull station had been previously broken and an electrician has checked out all the lights.

A Carport in Heritage Hills – On November 20, there was a carport fire in Heritage Hills. There was significant damage to the carport roof and some of the cars burned.

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT

Deputy Chief's Russell and Vigliotti reported on the following:

ID Cards – The Somers Volunteer Fire Department is not able to make ID Cards for the Deputies. Mrs. Schirmer will check with the Somers Police Department.

St. Joseph's Church Emergency Access Road Gate – As a follow up to a previous discussion regarding the St. Joseph's Church Emergency Access Road Gate, all were reminded that the site plans notes: "Gate located at the emergency access road shall be unlocked and remain open during all church services as a second means of exit from the property".

New Ticket Books – The new ticket books have not been ordered yet. There is a proposal to hire a part-time Code Enforcer who will also need to write tickets and the goal is to have one book which can be used by both the Building Department and Bureau. Town Board approval for fines is also needed.

The Mews Phase II – The hydrants were placed on the other side of the road during the construction of The Mews Phase II due to a larger development being built on the other side of the road.

No Fire Alarm Permit On File – Arrangements will be made to have Mrs. Schirmer's email address added to the text page for the automatic fire alarms so that she can keep track of those that have no Fire Alarm Permit on file.

FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Fire Chief Premuroso reported on the following:

Urstadt Biddle Knox Box Keys – Some keys were missing from the knox boxes at the Urstadt Biddle properties. Fire Chief Premuroso received the keys and gave them to the Fire Department.

341 Route 202 – Fire Chief Premuroso will talk to the owner of 341 Route 202 as they will need to install a knox box.

Spectra Energy – Fire Chief Premuroso has notified Spectra Energy about the Mews I and II, as if there is a place of assembly or multi-family dwellings within 1,000 feet of the Algonquin Gas Line, the Town of Somers is required to notify them about those buildings.

Police Department Building – The sewer line in the Police Department froze because someone unplugged the heat tape in the next building. The heat tape is being powered by numerous extension cords running throughout the abutting building to an outlet. Fire Chief Premuroso investigated and it is clearly a fire hazard. He will speak to Parks and Recreation Superintendent Steve Ralston about having an electrician hardwire the system.

The Mews Phase II – Fire Chief Premuroso will complete the final walk-thru and testing of the fire system at The Mews Phase II. Deputy Chief Vigliotti will join him.

NEW BUSINESS

Access Road – The Mews Phase II – One of the access roads in The Mews Phase II was included in the site plan, but eliminated during construction. As a result, the Fire Department cannot access the left side of Building 2 with a ladder truck. Chief Citarella has a call into Principal Engineering Technician Steve Woelfle and Mrs. Schirmer will research the minutes and memos.

The meeting was adjourned. The Bureau will meet next on Wednesday, February 11 at 5:00 p.m. in the Building Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Bureau of Fire Prevention

cc: Bureau of Fire Prevention
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Principal Engineering Technician
Somers Fire District