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MEETING MINUTES

October 12, 2016

Bureau Chief Citarella called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The following were in attendance: Bureau Chief Efrem Citarella, Deputy Chiefs Robert Russell and Al Vigliotti, Chief Fire Inspector Bill Premuroso and Somers Volunteer Fire Department Chief Jody Leverich.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Deputy Chief Vigliotti to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2016 meeting as submitted. Deputy Chief Russell seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SUBMISSIONS

Tamarack and Vine Subdivision – The Bureau met with Rick Zapp of Zarecki & Associates to review and discuss the site plan for the Tamarack and Vine Subdivision. As indicated in a memo sent to the Planning and Engineering Department on March 11, 2016, any decorative columns proposed for the entrance to the subdivision bordering the common driveway must be reviewed and approved by the Bureau of Fire Prevention. The Bureau would also like the common driveway to have 20' of pavement and 2' of gravel on each side. The common driveway should be named with a street sign so it can be easily identified if emergency vehicles need access. The Bureau will also need to approve that street name, which must end in the word "Commons" as a way to identify it as a road with common driveways. Another memo will be sent to the Planning and Engineering Department with a copy to Mr. Zapp.

Somers Public Safety Center Preliminary Subdivision – The preliminary subdivision for the Somers Public Safety Center located at 295 Route 100 was reviewed and discussed. There were no comments at this time. The Bureau looks forward to seeing plans as the project moves further along. A memo will be sent to the Planning and

Engineering Department.

SOMERS FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF'S REPORTS

Somers Volunteer Fire Department Chief Jody Leverich reported on the following:

Algonquin Pipeline – On September 23, there was a major gas leak in the section of the Algonquin Pipeline on Lovell Street. The stench of gas was evident as far down as the Route 202 junction. Evidently the valve on the main let loose. Fire Chief Leverich would like a letter sent to the Town Supervisor requesting him to confirm with Spectra Energy that the valve was in fact replaced, not just repaired. He would also like to know what their maintenance schedule for valves is. This situation could have been a catastrophe. A letter will be sent to the Supervisor with a copy to Somers Volunteer Fire Department Chief Jody Leverich.

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT

Deputy Chief Russell did not have a report this evening.

Deputy Chief Vigliotti reported on the following:

Twin Knolls – A request is being made to have the dry hydrant in Twin Knolls marked. Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso will see if he has a marker.

CHIEF FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso reported on the following:

Peek-a-Boo Childcare and Learning Center – A request is being made to have the Peek-a-Boo Childcare and Learning Center information manually input into the County 911 CAD system as there are children present. The location is 121 Route 100.

AvalonBay Somers – Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso wanted everyone to know that construction has begun on AvalonBay Somers which is on Route 6 next to The Mews.

Cardillo's Super Deli – A couple of weeks ago a delivery truck did some damage to the back corner of Cardillo's Super Deli. Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso spoke with the engineer and the repairs have been made.

Somerfields – After being open for nearly two decades, Somerfields has closed for business.

OLD BUSINESS

IBM – There was an elevator call at IBM. Not only was the key in the Knox box unable to operate the elevator, but the card in the Knox box didn't work either. Chief Fire Inspector Bill Premuroso will follow up.

Stop & Shop – Some renovations are taking place outside of Stop & Shop in the

Somers Commons and Fire Chief Leverich asked if Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso would remind them that the exterior of the building must be clear so that emergency apparatus could access the building. This has been taken care of.

68 Krystal Drive – There was an incident at 68 Krystal Drive in July. Gasoline was doused around the main floor of the dwelling. The residents were instructed to evacuate until a professional cleaning service was contracted to clean the floor. In addition, the electric and gas was shut off. To date, the floors have not been cleaned.

45 Minute Fire Break – The New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code has reduced the fire break limitations. It was 45 minutes. A Public Hearing will be held this evening at 7:00 p.m. to amend Chapter 74 entitled “Building Construction” of the Code of the Town of Somers to retain a 45 minute fire break. The Bureau sent a memo in favor of doing so.

Top Asian – Another violation was issued to the Top Asian restaurant because their hood exhaust system has an unsafe buildup of grease on the roof. The issue was not resolved, therefore a Court Appearance ticket will now be served.

Fire Prevention Week – The annual Fire Prevention program will be held on October 13 for the students in Primrose Elementary School. The Kindergarteners will be outside with the apparatus and will receive a coloring book; 1st graders will participate in an assembly and will get activity books; and the 2nd graders will watch a DVD and get comic books.

The Willows – Repair of the levy that was breached in the pond is still a work in progress by the HOA of The Willows and Steven Woelfle, Town of Somers Principal Engineering Technician. Fire Chief Leverich sent a letter to Mr. Woelfle requesting that the levy be repaired immediately. Heritage Management Services, LLC has applied for a permit from DEP via Mr. Woelfle.

Anglebrook Golf Club – At the end of the golf season, the Anglebrook Golf Club will be demolishing an old vacant house on the property. Fire Chief Leverich inquired as to whether or not the firefighters could use the house for training purposes before doing so. Bureau Chief Citarella followed up and the owners feel as though it is too dangerous to use for training purposes.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business this evening.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 9 at 4:30 p.m. in the Building Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Bureau of Fire Prevention

cc: Bureau of Fire Prevention
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