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MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 2015

Bureau Chief Citarella called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. The following were in attendance: Bureau Chief Efrem Citarella, Deputy Chief Al Vigliotti, Somers Volunteer Fire Department Chief George Wahlers, and Somers Volunteer Fire Department 1st Assistant Chief Jody Leverich. Deputy Chief Rob Russell was absent.

MINUTES

Chief Wahlers made a correction to the minutes of the September 9, 2015 meeting. Under Inoperable Hydrants under Old Business, the word "dry" has to be inserted in between "few" and "hydrants" in the 1st sentence. A motion was made by Deputy Chief Vigliotti to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2015 meeting as corrected. Chief Citarella seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SUBMISSIONS

Somers Pointe Country Club – The site plan provided by the Planning and Engineering Department for the Somers Pointe Country Club was reviewed and discussed. It includes a pool, cabana and tennis courts. The only recommendation is to add no parking hash marks for access in an emergency, as indicated on Drawing No. S-002.00 of the Site Plan. A memo will be sent to Planning and Engineering Department.

SOMERS FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF'S REPORTS

Somers Fire Department Chief George Wahlers reported on the following:

Old Tomahawk Street – In the past there have been issues with cars parking on both sides of Old Tomahawk Street. A meeting was held with the business owners, as well as the Somers Police Chief. No parking signs were posted across from the firehouse and in the area of the hydrants. The situation seemed to have been resolved until last

week when complaints started being received again. An emergency response vehicle could not pass through that road as a result of the cars parking on both sides. A memo will be sent to the Police Chief.

Automatic Fire Alarms – The Fire Department has been receiving automatic fire alarm calls when the alarm companies are testing or taking the systems off line. It is required under the State code to notify the Fire Department when this is happening. A letter will be sent to some of the local security companies reminding them of this.

Heritage Hills Gas Leak – There was a gas leak at Heritage Hills. Chief Wahlers called Chief Citarella, who in turn called Heritage Management Services who followed up.

1 Primrose Drive – The Fire Department responded to an automatic fire alarm call at 1 Primrose Drive that was caused as a result of floors being sanded. The owners do not have a Fire Alarm Permit. An application will be sent to them.

Somers Fire Department 1st Assistant Chief Jody Leverich reported on the following:

253 Route 202 – While responding to a recent automatic fire alarm, the Fire Department noticed that the basement of 253 Route 202 had quite a lot of storage. Arrangements will be made with Chief Citarella and the Town Code Enforcer to meet with the owner.

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT

Deputy Chief Vigliotti's report was covered under Old Business.

CHIEF FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso was not present, so there was no report. Both Chief Citarella and Mrs. Schirmer have been in touch with him via phone calls on a regular basis during his absence and all is in order.

OLD BUSINESS

Somers Schools – In June, there was a fire at the Somers High School and it was very difficult for the Fire Department to gain access to the location. It was suggested that a meeting be set up with the Somers Central School District Emergency Response Team or some members of. A meeting was held on September 22 at the High School. Principal Mark Bayer was in attendance. It was suggested that another meeting take place at the Intermediate School with the remaining school Principals present. Arrangements have been made for Friday, October 30 at 11:00 a.m.

Inoperable Hydrants – As there are quite a few dry hydrants in Town that are inoperable, Deputy Chief Vigliotti would like them to be cut down or at the very least identified as such. Additionally, he thinks the owner should be maintaining the ones that do work. Chief Citarella and Deputy Chief Vigliotti will make arrangements to meet,

locate and create a list of all the hydrants.

Emergency Gates – Deputy Chief Vigliotti would like the emergency gates in Town removed as he feels they are an unnecessary impediment for emergency response vehicles. He and Chief Citarella will meet, locate and create a list of the emergency gates as well.

Fire Prevention Programs – As is done each year, the Somers Volunteer Fire Department will provide Fire Prevention programs for the students at Primrose School on Friday, October 23. DVD's for the students to watch as part of the program have been purchased and Sparky the Firefighter coloring books will be given out to the Kindergarteners.

Spectra Energy Information Request – The Spectra Energy yearly information request was received with regard to certain criteria as it relates to the Algonquin Gas Transmission that is partially in Somers. An email with the data was returned to them.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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Bureau of Fire Prevention

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