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**MEETING MINUTES**

**November 14, 2011**

Chief Citarella called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. The following were in attendance: Bureau Chief Efrem Citarella, Deputy Chiefs Rob Russell and Al Vigliotti, Fire Inspector Bill Premuroso and Somers Fire Captain Jody Leverich.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Vigliotti made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 13, 2011 meeting as submitted. Mr. Citarella seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**SUBMISSIONS**

**The Green at Somers** – The site plan for The Green at Somers was reviewed by the Bureau. They would like to know the location of the fire hydrants, as well as the fire department connections, and wondered if any of the five buildings will allow for underground parking. A memo will be sent to the Planning Board.

**FIRE CAPTAIN'S REPORT**

Somers Fire Captain Jody Leverich reported on the following:

**24 – 26 Clayton Boulevard (The Mews at Baldwin Place)** – The Fire Department did a site visit at The Mews at Baldwin Place and the following was noted: the smoke heads in Building 2 were still covered; the knox box in Building 2 has still not been installed; there is an open pit in the refuse room of Building 2; and they are requesting that signs be posted on the exterior door leading to the room with the gas valves and meters.

**256 Route 100 (The Mexican Shack)** – On November 13, the Fire Department responded to a call at The Mexican Shack and noticed some issues with the two outside metal gates. The one in the front was tied shut with cords in three different places, and the one in the back was padlocked shut. The concern is

whether or not there is an inside area that exits out to these gated areas, and if so, the issue needs to be resolved or someone could get trapped. Mr. Premuroso will speak to the owner.

**Old Tomahawk Street** – During the day on November 12, there were cars parked along the curb in front of the Granite Springs Firehouse on Old Tomahawk Street. These areas must be marked as no parking zones so the Police Department can start issuing tickets.

### **DEPUTY CHIEF REPORTS**

Deputy Chief Russell reported on the following:

**Somers High School** – A call was received on November 6 with regard to cars parked in an area at the High School that would prevent emergency vehicle access. This situation was reported to the Police Department, as ticketing on school property is now permissible.

**Firehouse Walkthroughs** – A walkthrough was done in all four Firehouses. There were a couple of minor issues and all will be resolved.

Deputy Chief Vigliotti reported on the following:

**24 – 26 Clayton Boulevard (The Mews at Baldwin Place)** – As requested, it was noticed that the concrete pads have been installed. Arrangements will be made to bring a ladder truck to the site to test them out over the next few weeks.

**Fieldstone Drive (Twin Knolls)** – There is a dry hydrant on Fieldstone Drive that was completely covered by snow for quite a long time last winter as it was never cleared. This is a Town hydrant, therefore they are responsible for keeping it clear of snow. A memo will be sent regarding this concern.

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

Fire Inspector Premuroso reported on the following:

**24 – 26 Clayton Boulevard (The Mews at Baldwin Place)** – With regard to the Fire Department concerns as a result of the site visit they did at The Mews at Baldwin Place, the smoke heads in Building 2 have been uncovered; the knock box for Building 2 has been ordered and will be installed upon receipt; and signs will be posted on the exterior door leading to the room with the gas valves and meters. Mr. Premuroso was not aware of the open pit in the refuse room in Building 2. He will research this further.

It has been confirmed that the stand pipes is a fully wet system. A request has been made to put the unit numbers on the sliding glass doors of each apartment. The general contractor will speak to the owner and get back to Mr. Premuroso.

**28 Warren Street (Opengate)** – At the Bureau meeting last month, a discussion took place regarding some fire alarm calls that were responded to at Opengate. A dryer that was not working properly and creating steam, causing the alarm to go off, is in the process of being replaced. Somers Security has confirmed that when a call comes in, the exact location of the alarm is also being reported.

**Fire Prevention Week** – Mr. Premuroso asked that his thanks be shared with those that participated in Fire Prevention Week for a job well done. Requests for Fire Department visits have been received as well.

**Hydrant Report** – Greenbriar has tested all their hydrants and all are working properly. A report will be sent to Mr. Premuroso with the details.

**159 Mahopac Avenue (Stonewall Farm)** – A phone call was received from the maintenance supervisor at Stonewall Farm requesting that the Fire Department test the two drafting hydrants on the property.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Old Tomahawk Street** – Mr. Premuroso and Police Chief Driscoll still have to meet at Old Tomahawk Street to mark the area by the fire hydrants and firehouse as no parking areas.

**Algonquin Gas Transmission LLC/Spectra Energy** - This gas line runs parallel to Route 6 and can be accessed by Windsor Road. All agreed that a site visit would be a good idea. Mr. Premuroso will make arrangements with Spectra Energy, who manages the Algonquin Gas Transmission LLC. to arrange for a site visit.

**Properties with Multi Dwellings** – The numbering of the properties in Town with multi dwellings that were in question have been completed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**73 Mayflower Lane** – The owner of 73 Mayflower Lane, the only resident now living in that new development, called to report that the 911 Dispatch Office did not have their street in their system. This situation will be taken care of.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 12, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in the Building Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary  
Bureau of Fire Prevention

cc: Bureau of Fire Prevention  
Town Board  
Town Clerk  
Planning & Engineering Department  
Somers Fire District