

**BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION
335 Route 202
Somers, New York 10589**

MEETING MINUTES

November 8, 2010

Chief Citarella called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The following were in attendance: Bureau Chief Efrem Citarella, Fire Deputy Al Vigliotti and Somers Fire Chief John Meeker.

MINUTES

Mr. Vigliotti made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 13, 2010 meeting as submitted. Mr. Citarella seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SUBMISSIONS

Sussmann Mobil Station - The Bureau reviewed the site plan for the basement submitted for the Sussmann Mobil Station. The plans will be forwarded to the Building Department for code compliance, as this is not a Bureau issue. A memo will be sent to the Planning Board.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Somers Fire Chief John Meeker reported on the following:

Fire Prevention - Fire Prevention programs were conducted for the Somers Schools, scouts and pre-schools and all went well. The Fire Department also held an Open House for the general public. Mr. Premuroso has a Fire Prevention video that is used and would like to purchase a copy in DVD format, since more often than not only a DVD player was available for viewing.

Chimney Fire - A chimney fire was responded to at Deans Pond.

Working Structure Fire - A call came in for a working structure fire in Lincolndale, which turned out to be steam blow off in the furnace room.

Moseman Avenue - A resident on Moseman Avenue had stone pillars and a gate built at the end of their driveway. There was some concern that an emergency vehicle would not be able to fit through the opening. With the help of the Building Department, the situation was resolved.

Paid EMT's - The Fire Department now has a contract for 2 paid EMT's and Mr. Meeker was happy to report that mutual aid was not needed to cover any EMS calls over the past month. All were handled in-house.

IBM - Mr. Meeker met with representatives of IBM. They are switching over to a remote monitoring system by the spring of 2011. Solutions for EMS had to be discussed. Lock boxes will be placed at the center of each entrance gate. The fire gates will automatically open. Knox boxes with card keys will be placed at the entrance of each building.

DEPUTIES REPORT

Deputy Vigliotti had nothing to report and Deputy Wahlers was absent.

FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Fire Inspector Premuroso was not present. Updates below were as per an email.

OLD BUSINESS

Highview Estates - A letter was sent to Gus Boniello confirming that a site visit was conducted on Londonderry Lane in Highview Estates. It has been confirmed that the hydrant was removed and the hole was filled with concrete.

Lovell Street - There has been an ongoing problem on Lovell Street in the area of Lakeshore Drive North and South with brush fires. It is believed that the wires throw off sparks on a windy day, which is starting the brush fires. Some of the plastic sheathing on the wires is missing. Mrs. Schirmer was finally able to connect with Claudia Melluni of NYSE&G. A forester and engineer visited the site. There was no more sheathing on the wires and the entire area, above and below the wires was cleared and trimmed. If any additional problems occur, Mrs. Melluni has asked that she be notified immediately.

Ticketing on School District Property - The Town Board created a sub-committee to further investigate this concept because they felt as though the Town Police should be able to ticket cars illegally parked in the fire lanes on school property 24 hours a day, seven days a week, not just after school hours and weekends. A meeting was held on November 5 to discuss this further. The following were in attendance: Councilmen Bolton and Garrity, Police Chief Driscoll, Dr. Blanch, Mr. Crowley, Mr. Citarella, Mr. Wahlers and Mr. Premuroso. All agreed that it made sense for the Town to have the authority to ticket the illegally parked cars in fire lanes 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Dr. Blanch will discuss this with the School District Attorney and Board.

Knox Boxes - Mr. Premuroso will talk to those who have not put keys in their knox boxes and update Mr. Meeker.

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.

Properties with Multi Dwellings - There are a few properties in Town with multi dwellings. There has been past concern over numbering and signage of the buildings on these properties, as it relates to a fire or medical call.

Mr. Premuroso met with Barry Daniels who oversees the maintenance of all the buildings at the Schwartz's Horse Farm. All eighteen buildings have been identified on a Google Map of the property. Signs still have to be made and installed on the buildings, as well as their four gates. Mr. Premuroso and Mr. Meeker will continue to work on this project.

A Google map will be obtained for the Amawalk Farm on Wood Street, and the procedures will be the same.

Truss Construction Identification - Signs have been received and distributed to Granite Springs Realty and North County. The owners have been asked to place them by the main entrance or near a fire department connector.

1 Maple Avenue - The Fire Department responded to a call at 1 Maple Avenue. They had some equipment and a minimal amount of gas cans being stored on the property. Mr. Premuroso ordered flammable materials stickers. Mr. Wahlers will make arrangements with Mr. Premuroso to conduct a site visit.

Fire Alarm Permit Stickers - Mr. Premuroso has ordered fire alarm permit stickers. They will be issued to all permit holders.

Fire Alarm Permits - There are still seven residents who have an unregistered fire alarm system, which is against Town Code and subject to a \$250 fine. All have received two warning notices, a violation letter, and two courtesy calls. To date none of them have submitted a permit. A final letter will be sent reminding them about the fine. If a permit is not secured, a court appearance ticket will be issued.

Town Code – In 2007, Chapters 4, 26, 62, 98 and 116 of the Town Code were reviewed and changes made, and noted. Chapter 158 still has to be reviewed. Since the Town committee created to review the Town Code in its entirety has not met in quite some time, this item is not urgent. The Bureau will review Chapter 158 in the near future, and at that time, will address the following: fire lanes at commercial sites in Town, and deciding which chapter should include the topic of dry hydrants and fire hydrants, to include color coding of all fire hydrants. Once completed, all changes will be forwarded to the Town Board.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business this evening.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Monday, January, 10, 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
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