

## **BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**March 8, 2010**

Chief Citarella called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following were in attendance: Bureau Chief Efreem Citarella, Fire Deputies Al Vigliotti and George Wahlers, and Fire Inspector Bill Premuroso.

#### **MINUTES**

Mr. Wahlers made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 8, 2010 meeting as submitted. Mr. Vigliotti seconded the motion. All were in favor.

#### **SUBMISSIONS**

There were no submissions this evening.

#### **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Somers Fire Chief John Meeker was not present, therefore no report was given.

#### **DEPUTIES REPORT**

Deputy Vigliotti reported on the following:

**Hydrant in the Business Historic Preservation District** - In August, information was forwarded by the Town Engineer regarding grants available for this type of project. Mr. Vigliotti believes it is the Town's responsibility to research the grant since the Bureau is not knowledgeable in writing grants. In February, he requested that another memo be sent to the Town Board expressing this sentiment. There has been no response. Another memo will be sent requesting an update.

Deputy Wahlers reported on the following:

**Dougherty Building** - An alarm went off in office #4 of the Dougherty Building on Route 202. Candles were being burned in the office and the smoke detector was covered with a plastic cover. Mr. Premuroso will investigate.

**Emergency Access Gates** - In the past, a memo had been sent to the Highway Superintendent requesting that the various emergency access gates around Town not be plowed in during a snow fall. After the last snowstorm, it was reported that several were blocked by snow. Another memo will be sent to the Highway Department requesting their assistance with this matter in the future. A request will also be made to get a copy of a list of the location of those gates. In addition, next season, Heritage Hills will be reminded of this issue regarding the gate that is located at David Road and their development.

**7 Otha Drive** - A fire occurred at 7 Otha Drive on Saturday, March 6. Sadly, the house burned down to the ground.

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

**The Mews at Baldwin Place** - A request is being made to name the road leading into the development, Clayton Boulevard. The Bureau has no objections. A memo will be sent to the Town Board.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Somers School District** - A follow up meeting will take place on March 18 between the Bureau and representatives of the School District to discuss the February 4 fire in the new girl's locker room at Somers High School. The ongoing parking concern will be discussed as well.

**25 Route 100** - Mrs. Schirmer will contact the Somers Police to get a copy of the report filed for an incident that occurred at this address in January.

**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. A letter was sent to New York State Gas and Electric about this situation, with a copy to the owner of the property. Mr. Citarella returned a call from NYSEG, but they have not returned his call.

**Imperial Wok** - A key for Imperial Wok has been placed in the knox box.

**3 Moore Drive** - A fire occurred at 3 Moore Drive in January. The owner's architect is in the process of drawing up plans to rebuild the house. After the fire was extinguished, the Fire Department placed two of their struts under the dining room floor to support it. They need their struts returned. Mrs. Schirmer will send a letter to the owner.

**Lupi's Bikeway Plaza** - There has been an ongoing problem with cars parking in the entranceway. Mr. Citarella visited the site and was assured that they would stop doing so. Unfortunately, they have not stopped. Mrs. Schirmer will speak to the Police Department regarding this issue. This parking situation would prevent an emergency vehicle from entering the rear of the parking lot.

**Heritage 202 Center** - The water flow alarm continually goes off and upon arrival, the Fire Department determines that there is no problem. Mr. Premuroso will speak to Bobby Cox of the Heritage Hills Water District regarding this problem.

**Knox Boxes** - Mr. Premuroso gave Mr. Wahlers a list of the knox box locations

in Town. Mr. Meeker will have all checked, to be sure that the proper keys are in them.

**Somers Central School District Bus Garage** - Mr. Premuroso and Mr. Wahlers met with Robert Klick, Assistant Supervisor of Building and Grounds for the Somers schools to tour the new bus garage. A Knox box needs to be installed, and the key inside it will open the gate and the garage. In addition, combustible products were being stored in the electric room. They have to be removed and the room has to be identified by placing a sign on the door.

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

Mr. Citarella will follow up with Mr. Stuart of Stuart's Farm, to see that he put his signs up. Another site visit will be made to the Tennis Academy on Orchard Hill Road, as their signs need to be hung higher. A site visit will be done at Amawalk Farm on Wood Street.

Mr. Premuroso met with Barry Daniels who oversees the maintenance of all the buildings at the Schwartz's Horse Farm. All 18 buildings have been identified on a Google Map of the property. Signs still have to be made and installed.

**Grand Central Deli** - It was previously reported that gas cans and gas powered equipment was being stored in the basement of Grand Central Deli. An inspection was done and they have removed the gas cans, as well as the equipment. A fire door was installed and the walls and ceiling of the basement were covered with sheetrock. A follow up inspection was done by Mr. Premuroso and Mr. Tooma and there were still a few issues. Mr. Citarella will follow up.

**Truss Construction Identification** - Signs have been made and received for the Granite Springs Realty building (day care center), the North County building (still under construction) and the sewer plant at Lincoln Hall. A uniform location has to be determined for placement of these signs. Once identified, Mr. Premuroso will give the signs to the owners and ask them to hang them. The 911 Dispatch Office will be notified of their existence.

**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. He and Mr. Wahlers will conduct a site visit and have the owner post them.

**Wooded Acres** - There was mention of a locked construction gate on the property. Mr. Wahlers visited the site and the gate was not locked.

**Fire Alarm Permit Stickers** - A price of \$2.50 per sticker was secured from

Signs Ink. All agreed that it was too expensive. Mrs. Schirmer will get some other proposals.

**Fire Alarm Permits** - There are still a handful of residents that were reported as having an unregistered fire alarm system. They have all received two letters. A 3<sup>rd</sup> letter will be sent, certified return receipt, informing them that they will now be issued a court appearance ticket.

**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, April 15, 2010 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