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EFREM CITARELLA  
CHIEF



**MEETING MINUTES**

**June 11, 2014**

Chief Citarella called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. This meeting took place at St. Joseph's Church. The following were in attendance: Chief Efrem Citarella, Deputy Chief Rob Russell, Chief Fire Inspector Bill Premuroso, Somers Volunteer Fire Department 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Jody Leverich, Somers Police Chief Mike Driscoll and St. Joseph's Church Business Manager Richard Casterella.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Russell made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 14, 2014 meeting as submitted. Mr. Citarella seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**EMERGENCY ROAD ACCESS ROAD GATE**

A single lane access road exists between the back of the Church parking lot and the Kennedy Catholic High School property, which are two separate entities. When the Church was built, the site plan approved by the Planning Board indicated that the "gate located at the emergency access road shall be unlocked and remain open during all church services as a second means of exit from the property". The Goldens Bridge and Somers Volunteer Fire Departments are not in favor of keeping the gate unlocked during church services as their concern is if they need to access the church while cars are exiting the property, they would have difficulty entering. If the gate was kept locked, this access road would guarantee them at least one way in. The Somers Police on the other hand are in favor of keeping the gate unlocked during church services so that cars parked behind the Church can exit via the access road instead of the only entrance and exit in front of the Church. It was however noted that not many exiting seem to use the access road. All agreed the big issue is the heavy flow of traffic exiting out of one entrance onto a roadway in one direction. Ideal is a blinking light or traffic light that only turns red and green during church services at the intersection of Route 138 and Plum Brook Road.

The meeting was adjourned. The July meeting will be held on Wednesday, the 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 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 Board  
Principal Engineering Technician  
Somers Fire District