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MEETING MINUTES

June 15, 2016

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, and Chief Fire Inspector Bill Premuroso.

Deputy Chief Rob Russell was absent.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Deputy Chief Vigliotti to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2016 meeting as submitted. Bureau Chief Citarella seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SUBMISSIONS

Anthony Boniello Subdivision – The Bureau reviewed and discussed an updated plan for the Anthony Boniello Subdivision. There were no comments. A memo will be sent to Planning and Engineering.

The Crossroads at Baldwin Place – An updated plan was provided to the Bureau for The Crossroads at Baldwin Place. It was reviewed and discussed. There were no comments. The Bureau does look forward to receiving and reviewing plans with hydrant locations, floor plans and building elevations. A memo will be sent to Planning and Engineering.

Somers Crossing – The Bureau received the Statement of Findings for Somers Crossing.

Somers Pointe Country Club – An updated plan was provided to the Bureau for Somers Pointe Country Club. It was reviewed and discussed. There were no

comments. A memo will be sent to Planning and Engineering.

Verizon Wireless Co-Locator (Heritage Hills) – The Bureau received an updated plan for a Verizon Wireless Co-Locator at Heritage Hills. It was reviewed and discussed. There were no comments. A memo will be sent to Planning and Engineering.

Wright’s Court Site “A” – Re-Grant – A re-grant plan for Wright’s Court Site “A” was provided to the Bureau. It was reviewed and discussed. There were no comments. A memo will be sent to Planning and Engineering.

SOMERS FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF’S REPORTS

Somers Volunteer Fire Department Chief Jody Leverich was not present.

DEPUTY CHIEF’S REPORT

Deputy Chief Russell was not in attendance.

Deputy Chief Vigliotti did not have a report.

CHIEF FIRE INSPECTOR’S REPORT

Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso reported on the following:

Somers Pub – A couple of months ago, former Somers Volunteer Fire Department Chief George Wahlers reported a concern about the walk in cooler behind the Somers Pub. The gas regulator has to be 5’ in either direction from the source of ignition. In addition, the shrubs between the air conditioner compressor and the building wall have to be removed. Mr. Premuroso will stay on top of this situation until it is resolved.

The Willows – The hydrants in The Willows are and have been for quite some time out of service and they have been black bagged. The plumbing has to be reworked to handle the pressure produced by the fire pump. The emergency back-up generator has to be replaced. It is the recommendation of the Bureau of Fire Prevention that the levy that was breached in the pond be repaired to bring the water level back up so that it can be used if needed in the event of a fire emergency. A letter will be sent to the HOA of The Willows with a copy to Steven Woelfle, Principal Engineering Technician. The Chief of the Somers Volunteer Fire Department will also be sending a letter to support this recommendation. It will take 3 to 4 months to rectify the problem. It was suggested that during the repair process a permanent hook up to the hydrant that feeds the main be added so portable ponds won’t be necessary.

AvalonBay Somers – Mr. Premuroso met with the AvalonBay Somers construction team. He suggests that Mr. Vigliotti make an appointment to meet with them as well.

Top Asian – A violation has been issued to the Top Asian restaurant because their hood exhaust system has an unsafe buildup of grease on the roof.

OLD BUSINESS

99 Route 118 – A call was responded to at 99 Route 118. There was a wooden bridge on the property that posed a concern with regard to having a firetruck cross it to get closer to the dwelling as the weight capacity was not known. A letter was sent to the owner, they called Mr. Citarella and they are going to try to locate the original engineer to get a load rating for the bridge. If not successful, they will secure another engineer.

Shared Driveways – Deputy Chief Russell prepared an extensive report that he presented to the Town Board at their May 5 Work Session meeting proposing that moving forward any road servicing three or more houses should be named a private road for easily identifiable emergency vehicle access. Chief Citarella attended as well. A Resolution of Support was issued by the Town Board. Deputy Chief Russell and Supervisor Morrissey have been communicating. He will also be attending the June 22 Planning Board meeting to discuss this with them. An update will be given at the next meeting.

Imperial Wok – A call was responded to by the Fire Department at Imperial Wok a couple of months ago. They were running new plumbing without appropriate permits. Mr. Premuroso continues to monitor what is going on there.

Anglebrook Golf Course – There is a three story white house with a fire escape at the end of a long driveway next to the Anglebrook Golf Course. The house is vacant, the roof is caving in and the front door is open. The Code Enforcer did a site visit and a letter sent to the owner. The owner has since responded indicating that they plan to demolish the house in November. A meeting will be held with Mr. Citarella before doing so.

Somers Manor Nursing Home – There have been numerous calls responded to by the Fire Department in the ahlzheimer's unit. All were false in nature and being done by the patients. A discussion took place about installing key stations in the unit to prevent this from happening in the future. Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso spoke with CIA Security. They recommended a positive alarm signaling system known as PASS or pull stations located at the nursing station. This continues to be a problem. Chief Leverich will provide Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso with the statistics on these calls and an inquiry will be made to the State as to how this can be handled.

Shenorock Post Office – Last month, Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso wanted all to be aware that he was denied access to the Shenorock Post Office to conduct a routine fire inspection. Arrangements are in the process to allow Mr. Premuroso to inspect all of the post offices with an escort.

Somers Pointe Country Club/Pinnacle Restaurant – The sprinkler system at the Pinnacle restaurant has been fixed, the alarm is back on line and the kitchen is up to code. Chief Leverich asked if they can be instructed to add a small heater in their sprinkler control room at the back of the restaurant. Mr. Premuroso will follow up.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business this evening.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 6 at 4:30 p.m. in the Building Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Bureau of Fire Prevention

cc: Bureau of Fire Prevention
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