

BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION

MEETING MINUTES

July 12, 2010

Chief Citarella called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The following were in attendance: Bureau Chief Efreem Citarella, Fire Deputies Al Vigliotti and George Wahlers, Somers Fire Chief John Meeker and Fire Inspector Bill Premuroso.

MINUTES

Mr. Citarella made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 14, 2010 meeting as submitted. Mr. Wahlers seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SUBMISSIONS

Wooded Acres - It was confirmed that at their November 12, 2009 meeting, the Town Board approved three road signs in Wooded Acres. They are as follows: Ferdinand Drive East, Ferdinand Drive North and Mayflower Lane.

Mitchell Subdivision - The Bureau reviewed the plans submitted for the Mitchell Subdivision. There were no objections. A memo will be sent to the Planning Board.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Somers Fire Chief John Meeker reported on the following:

5 Walker Lane - There was a structure fire at 5 Walker Lane. Mr. Tooma conducted a site visit and the area that burned has been boarded up.

3 Moore Drive - A building permit was secured in April and their plans for rebuilding as a result of a structure fire were reviewed by the Building Inspector.

Knox Boxes - The NY Sports Club and the Somers Library have placed their keys in their knox boxes. Mr. Premuroso will talk to those who have not put keys in their knox boxes. Some of the banks in Town have some concern about leaving their keys in the shopping center knox boxes. Mr. Premuroso indicated that they can have their own knox box, as can any individual store if they'd like.

July 4th - The fireworks display at Reis Park went well, but there was an excessive amount of residential fireworks being set.

Fire Department Chiefs - The new Chiefs for the Fire Department are as follows: Chief - John Meeker; 1st Assistant Chief - George Wahlers; and 2nd Assistant Chief Irwin Schriro. Both Mr. Meeker and Mr. Schriro have been sworn in. Mr. Wahlers will be sworn in on July 20. Mr. Wahlers will remain Bureau

Deputy until the District is able to recommend someone to take his place.

DEPUTIES REPORT

Deputy Wahlers reported on the following:

Heritage Hills - It was determined that the cause of a fire in one of the condos in Heritage Hills was a faulty GFCI.

Old Tomahawk Road - On Friday and Saturday evenings, there are an excessive amount of cars parking on both sides of the road, as the parking areas at Traditions 118 and Somers 202 Restaurant & Grill are not large enough. If there were ever a fire or medical emergency, the Fire Department would have difficulty accessing those buildings. Mr. Premuroso will do a site visit on a Friday evening and report back to the Bureau at their next meeting.

Deputy Vigliotti reported on the following:

Hydrant in Business Historic Preservation District - Numerous memos have been sent to the Town Board regarding the need for a hydrant in the Business Historic Preservation District along with funding options. To date there has been no response. A memo requesting an update will be sent.

FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Fire Inspector Premuroso reported on the following:

CVS - Mr. Premuroso met with the manager of CVS to create a layout plan for the basement of the store and loading dock. Mr. Wahlers said it is important to have that plan in writing, so that the next store manager is aware of what the layout should be.

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.

OLD BUSINESS

Dispatch Office - The Dispatch Office is supposed to contact Mr. Citarella when there is a serious fire. Phone numbers and the appropriate times at which to call those numbers have been given to the Dispatch Office. Mr. Citarella is still not getting the calls. A letter will be sent by his office.

School District - Mr. Premuroso will speak to Joe Bernardi about striping and signage. At the May 12 School Board meeting, a resolution was passed to allow

the Town to pursue ticketing cars parked illegally after schools hours, on weekends and school holidays. A memo was sent to the Town Board and at their July 8 meeting they asked the Town Attorney to pursue this further.

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.

The signage at Stuart's Farm has been completed.

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. They are to be placed by the main entrance or near a fire department connector. The Lincoln Hall sign has been posted and Mr. Meeker will provide the information to the Dispatch Office. Once the remaining two signs have been issued and posted, Mr. Premuroso will let Mr. Meeker know.

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.

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 and numerous phone calls were made. Another letter was sent, and Mrs. Schirmer finally received a call advising her that the information was passed on to Manager of Regional Operations Ted Anderson and he would be calling her. Mrs. Schirmer has not heard from him, so she will now send him a letter.

Fire Alarm Permit Stickers - Mr. Premuroso has secured prices from a company in California for fire alarm stickers. The minimum order is 500 and the cost is \$.67 each, plus shipping and handling for a 3 inch, reflective sticker. He has to submit a drawing first to start the process.

Fire Alarm Permits - There are still seven residents who have an unregistered fire alarm system, which is against Town Code. All have received two warning notices, a violation letter, and a courtesy phone call. Another courtesy call will be made.

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, August 9, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. in the Building Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Bureau of Fire Prevention

cc: Bureau of Fire Prevention
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