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MEETING MINUTES

September 12, 2011

Chief Citarella called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The following were in attendance: Bureau Chief Efrem Citarella, Deputy Chiefs Rob Russell and Al Vigliotti, and Somers Fire Captain Jody Leverich.

MINUTES

Mr. Vigliotti made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 8, 2011 meeting as submitted. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SUBMISSIONS

There were no submissions this evening.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Somers Fire Captain Jody Leverich reported on the following:

306D Heritage Hills – On August 30, there was a kitchen fire at 306D Heritage Hills. It has been determined that a toaster oven was left on when the electric went out. When the power was restored, the owner was not home to notice that the toaster oven came back on and continued to cook what was in it, causing a fire.

DEPUTY CHIEF REPORTS

Deputy Chief Russell reported on the following:

Firehouse Walkthroughs – Over the next month, Mr. Russell will be doing a walkthrough of all the firehouses in Town with one of the Board of Commissioners members.

Angle Fly Preserve – At the request of Parks and Recreation Superintendent, Mr. Russell walked through and inspected all the condos and Tatham Mansion at

Angle Fly Preserve. It has been determined that the condition of these buildings should be immediately rectified as they are a significant life safety hazard. A memo will be sent to Mr. Ralston, as well as the Town Board, Parks and Recreation Board, and the Somers Land Trust.

Personal and Car Identifications – Mr. Russell would like a photo ID and magnetic sticker for his car indicating that he is a Deputy of the Bureau. He does not feel comfortable acting in this capacity without being able to properly identify who he is. Car magnets will be ordered and photo identifications secured for both Deputies Russell and Vigliotti.

23 Route 139 – The residence and garage located at 23 Route 139 has been abandoned and is not secured. Not only is it an attractive nuisance, but Mr. Russell is concerned about it becoming a safety hazard. A memo will be sent to the Building Inspector.

Deputy Chief Vigliotti reported on the following:

1 Maple Avenue - Mr. Vigliotti delivered required flammable materials stickers to the owner of 1 Maple Avenue and the owner has indicated that the stickers have been posted.

The Mews at Baldwin Place – Mr. Premuroso and Mr. Vigliotti conducted a site visit to The Mews at Baldwin Place and met with the owner, engineer and foreman regarding some concerns the Fire Department had. All agreed that as long as DEP had no objections, the access road will be modified to accommodate the outriggers for the ladder truck for the Fire Department.

FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Fire Inspector Premuroso was not present, therefore there was no report.

OLD BUSINESS

Old Tomahawk Street – Mr. Premuroso and Police Chief Driscoll will meet at Old Tomahawk Street to mark the area by the fire hydrants and firehouse as no parking areas.

5 Matthews Lane – An automatic fire alarm call was responded to by the Fire Department on August 1 at 5 Matthews Lane. The 911 Dispatch Office did not have a permit on file for the alarm system, but the homeowner claimed that they did have a permit. However, Mrs. Schirmer was unable to confirm that. The homeowner was asked to either produce the permit or a copy of a cancelled check for that permit as proof. If they were not able to do so, they would have to secure another permit or would be in violation of the Town Code. A copy of the permit or cancelled check for the permit was never submitted as promised, so a letter with a permit application was sent to them. Upon receipt, they called to say

that the system is not currently activated.

Ticketing on School District Property – There was a Public Hearing on August 11 regarding a change to the Town Code allowing the Police to ticket illegally parked cars on school property. All necessary paperwork has been processed with the State and the new law is now in effect.

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. to arrange for a site visit.

Properties with Multi Dwellings - There are some 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. It would also be extremely helpful if the 911 Dispatch Office has layout details about these multi dwelling properties. Mr. Russell and Mr. Premuroso will work on this project. The current properties in question are: Schwartz's Horse Farm, 19 Old Route 100 and Amawalk Farm on Wood Street.

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

Fire Alarm Reports – Each month, Mrs. Schirmer collects the fire alarm reports from the 911 Dispatch Office and sends the homeowner/business owner a letter and a Fire Alarm Permit application, explaining that the Permit is required as per Town Code. About a month ago there was a change in Chiefs of the Fire Department and these reports were being called into the Building Department rather than the 911 Dispatch Office. All necessary parties have been informed of the issue and hopefully it will be corrected.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 13, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in the Building Department instead of Monday, October 10 as it is the Columbus Day holiday.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Bureau of Fire Prevention

cc: Bureau of Fire Prevention
Town Board
Town Clerk
Planning & Engineering Department
Somers Fire District