

BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION

MEETING MINUTES

September 13, 2010

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

MINUTES

Mr. Vigliotti 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

BVS Acquisitions Co., LLC (aka Chase Bank, fka Bank of America) - The Bureau reviewed the site plan submitted for BVS Acquisitions Co., LLC (aka Chase Bank, fka Bank of America) and there were no objections. A memo will be sent to the Planning Board.

Sussmann Mobil Station - The Bureau reviewed the site plan submitted for the Sussmann Mobil Station and 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:

Paid EMT's - The Fire Department now has a contract for 2 paid Emergency Medical Technicians that work 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

64 Clearwood Drive, Greenbriar - There have been several calls from the owner of 64 Clearwood Drive in Greenbriar regarding various issues. The Building Department has been notified.

149 Route 202 - A call was responded to at 149 Route 202. Forced entry was required. With exception of the 1st floor of the building, the structure was unfinished and unsafe. It was strongly recommended that a Knox Box be installed.

Brush Fire - There were very few brush fires given the extreme heat this summer and lack of rain. The most recent occurred on Wilner Road in a vacant lot.

DEPUTIES REPORT

Deputy Wahler's report was covered under Old Business.

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. On July 15, the Town Supervisor responded by saying that the Town Board is unaware of any grants available, but will keep the Bureau informed if they learn of any. Another memo will be sent appreciating the gesture.

FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Fire Inspector Premuroso was not present, therefore a report was not given.

OLD BUSINESS

Knox Boxes - Mr. Premuroso will talk to those who have not put keys in their knox boxes and update Mr. Meeker.

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. Mr. Vigliotti drove through that area a couple of times and felt as though an emergency vehicle could pass through without an issue. All were asked to drive through that area and make an observation, particularly on the weekends.

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.

School District - The striping has been completed. 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. An update has been requested from the Supervisor's office.

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. The building that burned down is in the process of being rebuilt.

A Google map will be obtained for the Amawalk Farm on Wood Street, and the procedures will be the same.

Truss Construction Identification - Signs have been made and received for Granite Springs Realty and North County. They are to be placed by the main entrance or near a fire department connector. Once they 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 sent a letter, but has not received a response. She will try and phone Mr. Anderson.

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 two courtesy calls. A decision will have to be made as to whether or not a court appearance ticket should be issued.

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, October 18, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. in the Building Department. This change is due to the Columbus Day holiday.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Bureau of Fire Prevention

cc: Bureau of Fire Prevention
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