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**EFREM CITARELLA**  
CHIEF



**MEETING MINUTES**

**September 9, 2015**

Bureau Chief Citarella called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. The following were in attendance: Bureau Chief Efrem Citarella, Deputy Chief Rob Russell, Deputy Chief Al Vigliotti, and Somers Volunteer Fire Department Chief George Wahlers.

Rich Williams of Insite Engineering was also present.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Deputy Chief Russell to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2015 meeting as submitted. Deputy Chief Vigliotti seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**SUBMISSIONS**

**Somers Realty Planned Hamlet Phase 3 Road Names** – At the request of the Town Planner, the Bureau was asked to review suggested road names for the Somers Realty Planned Hamlet Phase 3. They are Columbus Street, Halstead Road, Hoyt Street, and Stephentown Road. There were no objections to Columbus Street, Halstead Road and Hoyt Street, but the Bureau doesn't think Stephentown Road would work, as it sounds too similar to Stephans Court, which already exists. Perhaps the applicant can research the names of previous farm owners of that property in an effort to suggest an alternate name.

**The Mews 1** – Rich Williams of Insite Engineering met with Bill Premuroso and Steve Woelfle regarding a gravel access road in The Mews. It was built as part of phase 1, but a transformer was put in the middle of it during the construction of phase 2. They will move forward with reconstructing the gravel around the inside of the transformer pad so it can serve as an access road for emergency vehicles.

**Clayton Boulevard** – All agreed that due to safety concerns, two points of access are necessary for Clayton Boulevard as a result of the ultimate size of this development.

### **SOMERS FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF'S REPORTS**

Somers Fire Department Chief George Wahlers reported on the following:

**10 Summit Circle** – The Fire Department responded to an automatic fire alarm at 10 Summit Circle. They didn't evacuate the residence and there was no Fire Alarm Permit on file. Chief Wahlers spoke to the manager about the importance of evacuating the building and Mrs. Schirmer followed up by sending a Fire Alarm Permit Application.

**253 Route 202** – While responding to a recent automatic fire alarm, the Fire Department noticed that the basement of 253 Route 202 had quite a lot of storage. Many years ago, the owner received a variance from the State to use the basement for storage. They too did not have a Fire Alarm Permit. An application was sent to the owner, returned with a check and processed.

### **DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT**

Neither Deputy Chief Russell nor Vigliotti had a report this evening.

### **CHIEF FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT**

Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso was not present, so there was no report.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**New Ticket Books** – A minimum of 1,000 tickets have to be ordered at a cost of \$1,500. Since not many tickets are written and funds are at a premium, the tickets will not be ordered. Next month a discussion will take place for writing tickets moving forward.

**Somers Schools** – In June, there was a fire at the Somers High School and it was very difficult for the Fire Department to gain access to the location. It was suggested that a meeting be set up with the Somers Central School District Emergency Response Team or some members of. That meeting will take place on September 22 in the afternoon at one of the schools.

**Inoperable Hydrants** – As there are quite a few hydrants in Town that are inoperable, Deputy Chief Vigliotti would like them to be cut down or at the very least identified as such. Additionally, he thinks the owner should be maintaining the ones that do work. Chief Citarella researched the Town Code to see if there is anything that is enforceable. He will now consult with Steve Woelfle.

**Emergency Gates** – Deputy Chief Vigliotti would like the emergency gates in Town removed as he feels they are an unnecessary impediment for emergency response vehicles. Mrs. Schirmer researched how many there are, as well as their locations. Highway Superintendent Tom Chiaverini will be invited to the next meeting to discuss

this further.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 14 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