

**BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION
335 Route 202
Somers, New York 10589**

MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 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, Somers Fire Chief John Meeker and 1st Assistant Somers Fire Chief George Wahlers.

Mr. Citarella welcomed new Deputy Chief Rob Russell.

MINUTES

Mr. Vigliotti made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 8, 2010 meeting as submitted. Mr. Citarella seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SUBMISSIONS

There were no submissions this evening.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Somers Fire Chief John Meeker reported on the following:

2010 Calls – Mr. Meeker reported that in 2010 there were almost 2,100 fire and EMS calls.

IBM - Mr. Meeker is still working with representatives of IBM with regard to switching over to a remote monitoring system. It will be completed by the spring of 2011.

Green Briar Recreation Center – It has been confirmed that a key has been placed in their knox box.

DEPUTY CHIEF REPORTS

Deputy Chiefs Russell and Vigliotti had nothing to report.

FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Fire Inspector Premuroso was not present.

OLD BUSINESS

Ticketing on School District Property – The School District and the Town are

working on changing the Town Code so that the Town Police are able to ticket cars illegally parked in the fire lanes on school property 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Mr. Premuroso has been communicating with School representative Joe Bernardi with regard to location of the fire lanes.

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

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.

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.

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 and a site visit has to be conducted.

Fire Alarm Permit Stickers – The fire alarm permit stickers have been received and will be issued to all permit holders.

Fire Alarm Permits - There are still seven residents who have an unregistered fire alarm system, which is against Town Code and subject to a fine. All have received two warning notices, a violation letter, and two courtesy calls. To date none of them have submitted a permit. A final letter will be sent reminding them about the fine. If a permit is not secured, a court appearance ticket will 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

Deputy Chief Equipment – Mr. Wahlers will return his ticket book, vest and badge, so they can be given to Mr. Russell.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 14, 2011 at 5:00 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 & Engineering Department
Somers Fire District