

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**March 14, 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 Fire Inspector Bill Premuroso.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Vigliotti made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 14, 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 Chief John Meeker reported on the following:

**13 Greenlawn Road** – There was a structure fire at 13 Greenlawn Road on March 4. The cause seemed to be electrical in nature due to aluminum wiring. The Fire Department was able to get the fire under control in a short amount of time.

**332 Route 100 (Citibank)** – A bystander called 911 because they heard an alarm going off at 332 Route 100. Upon arrival, the Fire Department had a very difficult time determining the location of the alarm, as most of the offices could not be accessed. The alarm also didn't dial out. In addition, there was trouble locating the alarm company. They finally were able to contact the owner. Two fire alarm permits had been issued for that building and they have not been updated in many years. Mr. Premuroso followed up and recommended that they install a knock box and update their permit information with the dispatch office.

**Old Route 100** – A couple of ambulance calls have been received for a residence on Old Route 100. This is a multi-dwelling property and there is no record of it being such in the dispatch office.

**IBM** – Currently IBM is using their new remote monitoring system on weekends. In about a month, it should be fully operational. All three Fire Chiefs have been issued keys.

**Anglebrook Golf Club** – A call was responded to at service building at the Anglebrook Golf Club. Upon arrival, a light haze was noticed. The door was

taken down since the keys in the knox box didn't work. It turned out to be smoldering oily rags in a barrel. Evidently they had changed the locks and new keys have now been placed in the knox box.

**Somers Towne Centre** – On March 9, the Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at the Somers Towne Centre. The call came in as being in the glass and frame shop, which is currently vacant. It ended up being a venting issue in the Japanese restaurant. The files for the shopping center have to be updated. Mr. Premuroso will contact Urstadt Biddle.

## **DEPUTY CHIEF REPORTS**

Deputy Chief Russell reported on the following:

**Truss Construction Signs & Fire Alarm Permit Stickers** – Mr. Russell asked if he could be issued a copy of a truss construction sign and fire alarm permit sticker, so the Fire Chiefs could familiarize themselves with them. Currently the truss construction signs are on two new buildings in Granite Springs and the Lincoln Hall water treatment plant. Somers Manor Nursing Home has built a new water treatment plant and they will need one as well. Fire alarm permit stickers are required to be placed near the front door of any resident or business that has a Fire Alarm Permit on file.

Deputy Chief Vigliotti reported on the following:

**2 Corral Court** – The Fire Department responded to a carbon monoxide detector call at 2 Corral Court. Mr. Vigliotti asked Mrs. Schirmer to mail the new resident a Fire Alarm Permit application.

## **FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT**

Fire Inspector Premuroso's report was covered under Old and New Business.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Bistro 19** – Mr. Premuroso followed up concerning the incident on February 6 at Bistro 19. The manager has been informed of the importance of evacuating the building if an alarm is sounding. It was recommended that they have their alarm system monitored and install a knox box.

**Imperial Wok** – The owners of Imperial Wok have requested a Cause and Origin Report on the fire that occurred in their restaurant on January 16. The Report has to be obtained from the County or they can go to the Fire District and request a copy of what they received from the County.

**Heritage Hills Hydrants** – Mr. Premuroso had made several attempts to verify

that all the hydrants at Heritage Hills are working and that the valves have been tested yearly. He was also supposed to be given quarterly reports and that had not happened in quite some time. Mr. Premuroso sent a letter to Marc Brassard of the Heritage Development Group, Inc. concerning this matter. There was no response. A Notice of Violation will now be issued.

**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 in the near future. At present, the roadway has a huge ditch in front of it.

**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. Vigliotti delivered the required flammable materials stickers and will follow up to see that they were posted.

**Fire Alarm Permit Stickers** – Mrs. Schirmer has mailed out stickers to all residences and businesses that she has processed Fire Alarm Permits for. On April 13, she will go through the permit books at the dispatch office and send the remaining stickers out.

**Fire Alarm Permits** – There are seven residents who have an unregistered fire alarm system, which is against Town Code and subject to a fine. Numerous attempts have been made to have them submit an application. A final letter was sent certified return receipt. Two responded by securing a permit. The remaining five were given a month and a half to do so and have not. They will now be issued court appearance tickets.

**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. A site visit was done in the beginning of March and maps of all

four schools were marked with the exact ticketing locations. After review of the maps, the Bureau decided that another site visit to the High School was needed to determine if any additional fire lanes had to be designated in the back of the building. Mrs. Schirmer will update the School District regarding this visit.

**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**

**Somers High School Water Treatment Plant** – A new water treatment plant is being built at Somers High School. As soon as it is completed, Mr. Premuroso will share necessary information with the Fire Department.

**Hydrant Checks** – Mr. Vigliotti inquired as to whether or not he can use a Town vehicle to perform lengthy inspections of the fire hydrants in Town or can be reimbursed for his mileage. Mrs. Schirmer will check with the Supervisor's office.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 11, 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