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THOMAS J. TOOMA, JR.
CHIEF



MEETING MINUTES

June 18, 2025

Bureau Chief Tooma called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

The following were in attendance: Somers Volunteer Fire Department Chief Greg Lucia, Bureau Deputy Chief Rob Russell, Bureau Chief Tom Tooma, and Bureau Deputy Chief Al Vigliotti.

MINUTES

Bureau Deputy Chief Russell made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2025 meeting as submitted. Bureau Deputy Chief Vigliotti seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SUBMISSIONS

Gate at David Road and Condo 25 in Heritage Hills

Condo 25 President Bruce Prince and Board Member Joe Kelly met with the Bureau to discuss the installation of a gate at David Road and Condo 25 in Heritage Hills. They are proposing a double gate that is 6' in height that has a 20' clear width. There were no objections. Mr. Tooma will be notified when the gate is installed so he can conduct a site visit and evaluate the condition of the roadway. Mr. Lucia will install a Knox Padlock on the gate.

23 & 25 Hilltop Road

Last month, the Bureau reviewed and discussed a submission from the Planning Board for 23 & 25 Hilltop Road. The existing road with a cul-de-sac, will serve two proposed dwellings. The Bureau was requesting that Chapter 503 – Fire Apparatus Access Road and Appendix D of the 2020 Fire Code of NYS be addressed for further review. The project engineer Sean Peters attended the meeting to discuss this further. He will provide an email for circulation and review by the end of the week. If all are in

agreement, a memo will be sent to the Planning Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Chapter 26 – Fire Prevention Bureau of the Code of the Town of Somers

At the December meeting, a discussion ensued about Chapter 26 – Fire Prevention Bureau of the Code of the Town of Somers that was inadvertently eliminated when only three past local laws should have been rescinded at the request of Mr. Tooma in an email to the Town Board on July 30, 2020. Mrs. Schirmer discussed this further with the Town Clerk who said a memo has to be sent to the Town Board requesting that the Chapter be reinstated with the verbiage. After reviewing Chapter 26, Mr. Tooma was of the opinion that it needs updating and Mr. Vigliotti agreed. Mrs. Schirmer emailed everyone a copy of Chapter 26 with a request for review and comment at the April meeting. Both Mr. Russell and Mr. Tooma have been working on the final draft. It was completed and sent to all for review and comment. A request was made of the Town Board to reinstate the Chapter. At their May meeting, they set June 12th for a public hearing. The public hearing was closed and the local law to reinstate Chapter 26 into the Code of the Town of Somers was approved.

SOMERS FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Lucia reported that calls are being made to 60 Control from two different commercial properties in Town without noting the specific building of where the incident is. Fire Chief Servello will be asked to follow up.

Fire Chief Lucia needs hydrant and pressure maps of the systems from the private water suppliers in Town. Fire Chief Servello will be asked to follow up on this.

BUREAU CHIEF'S REPORT

Bureau Chief Tooma had no report this evening.

BUREAU DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT

Deputy Chief Vigliotti had nothing to add this evening. Deputy Chief Russell reported that the County approved a vendor for Knox Boxes for all County owned Town properties.

CHIEF FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

There was no report this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m. and the Bureau will meet next on July 16th at 4:30 p.m. in the Somers Building Department.

Sincerely,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Bureau of Fire Prevention

cc: Bureau of Fire Prevention
Town Board
Town Clerk
Planning Board
Principal Engineering Technician
Chief Fire Inspector
Somers Fire District