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THOMAS J. TOOMA, JR.
CHIEF



MEETING MINUTES

July 16, 2025

Bureau Chief Tooma called the meeting to order at 4:35 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.

Somers Fire District Commissioner Tony Sutton was also present.

MINUTES

Bureau Deputy Chief Russell made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2025 meeting as submitted. Bureau Deputy Chief Vigliotti seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SUBMISSIONS

Proposed Solar Farm

A preliminary review was requested and the comments are as follows:

1. Additional detail is required to review access for fire protection to this previously undeveloped area of the site, to determine compliance with State and local codes, including vehicular paths for emergency access.
2. Additional details are requested on fire protection system capacity, including fire flow availability and hydrant location.
3. Provide additional detail on required maintenance practices and frequency for the project.

4. The Applicant's presence is requested to present the project and discuss details with the Bureau of Fire Prevention at a future meeting once the above requested items are provided.

OLD BUSINESS

23 & 25 Hilltop Road

The Bureau has been reviewing and discussing 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 a meeting to discuss this further and provided an email for circulation as well as review. All were in agreement and a memo was sent to the Planning Board.

SOMERS FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Lucia reported that the installation of Knox Boxes at commercial properties continues to be a work in progress.

BUREAU CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Tooma reported that the site plans were signed for two new commercial buildings to be built at Kennedy Catholic and Lawton Adams.

BUREAU DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT

Deputy Chief Russell's report is covered under New Business.

Last month, 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. Mr. Lucia will install a Knox Padlock on the gate. Deputy Chief Vigliotti reported that he visited the site and it definitely needs to be cleaned up. It would also make sense if the hydrant line was extended. Mr. Tooma will speak to the water company Veolia about that.

CHIEF FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

It was reported that at 57 Route 6, Keller Williams has left and Little Legends Children's Boutique will be occupying the space. In addition, at 80 Route 6, T3LogoWear has vacated the space and Kembo Fitness will be moving in. Chief Fire Inspector Servello will be asked to make sure their keys get put in the Knox Box.

NEW BUSINESS

Hydrant Color Codes

Mr. Russell thinks it would make a lot of sense for the Town to follow the NFPA Hydrant Color Codes as they are done so by hydrant pressure and all agreed. A motion was

made by Mr. Russell that the Town follow the NFPA standards for color coding hydrants. Mr. Vigliotti seconded the motion. All were in favor. This information will first be shared with Chief Fire Inspector Rich Servello and Water Department Superintendent Fred McQuillan. If they concur, a memo will be sent to the Town Board to make it a local law and add it to Chapter 98-10.

Town Inspections of Building and Fire Safety in Public Schools

Mr. Russell learned that local fire inspectors can in fact inspect public schools for Building and Fire Safety. He provided two documents which will be shared with Chief Fire Inspector Servello.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. and the Bureau will meet next on August 20th 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