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THOMAS J. TOOMA, JR.
CHIEF



MEETING MINUTES

August 20, 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 July 16, 2025 meeting as submitted. Bureau Chief Tooma seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SUBMISSIONS

There were no submissions this month.

OLD BUSINESS

NFPA Hydrant Color Coding Local Law

Last month, Mr. Russell thought 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. This information was shared with Chief Fire Inspector Rich Servello and Water Department Superintendent Fred McQuillan. All were notified that this process is in place and began with the former Water Department Superintendent Fred McQuillan.

Fire and Safety Inspections of Public Schools

Last month, Mr. Russell shared that he learned that local fire inspectors can in fact inspect public schools for Building and Fire Safety. He provided two documents which were shared with Chief Fire Inspector Servello who said that requires a lot of work time which he really couldn't handle only being able to work 17 hours a week.

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. Over the last month, a house flooded and there was a deck grill fire.

BUREAU CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Tooma reported that the gates are up at the end of David Road. Mr. Lucia will provide a Knox Box padlock and the property owner has to provide a 3' chain.

BUREAU DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT

Neither Deputy Chief Russell or Deputy Chief Vigliotti had anything to report this month.

CHIEF FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

There was no report this month.

NEW BUSINESS

New Solar Energy Legislation

The Bureau has been notified that the Town Board has initiated the SEQR process for new solar energy legislation.

Proposed Extension of the Heritage Hills Water District

The Bureau received notification that the Town Board at their last meeting initiated the environmental review for the proposed extension of the Heritage Hills Water District to include the Towne Centre property. A public hearing will likely be scheduled for the October Town Board meeting. At the appropriate time, the Bureau would like to review the proposed locations of hydrants.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. and the Bureau will meet next on September 17th 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