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THOMAS J. TOOMA, JR.
CHIEF



MEETING MINUTES

December 17, 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.

MINUTES

Bureau Deputy Chief Russell made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2025 meeting as submitted. Bureau Deputy Chief Vigliotti seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SUBMISSIONS

There were no submissions.

OLD BUSINESS

NFPA Hydrant Color Coding Local Law

At the July 2025 Bureau meeting, 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. A motion was made by Mr. Russell that the Town follow the NFPA standards for color coding hydrants and 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.

At the August 2025 Bureau meeting, it was reported that this information was shared with Chief Fire Inspector Rich Servello and Water Department Superintendent Fred McQuillan who indicated that this process has been in place and began with the former

Water Department Superintendent Adam Smith.

Mr. Servello further commented that at the moment, the hydrants are yellow and red signifying Town owned and privately owned, which he is pleased about. Mr. Servello had a conversation with Mr. McQuillan about at least color coding the bonnets based on the GPM's however he simply has no staff to do this, cannot hire additional staff or supervise an Eagle Scout who might do it as a project as suggested by Rob Russell. Although Mr. Servello would like to see this written into the Code, at present it would be difficult to enforce, especially since the work will fall on the Town. Since Mr. McQuillan recently left his position, the thought was to wait until a new Water Department Superintendent is hired and a meeting set up with the Bureau, Mr. Servello and that new person.

Deputy Chief Replacement

On September 5, 2025, the Somers Town Clerk sent a letter to the Somers Fire District Board of Commissioners asking for a recommendation for the Bureau Deputy Chief vacancy as a result of the resignation of Al Vigliotti. There was no response. Mr. Lucia is eligible and interested in the position and will send an email to Mrs. Schirmer stating so.

SOMERS FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF'S REPORT

Somers Volunteer Fire Department Chief Lucia reported that he noticed that the arrays for the solar panels are in place at 245 BOCES Drive and the solar panels have been delivered.

The installation of commercial Knox Boxes and securing the keys continues to be a work in progress.

There have been some incidences accessing the apartments at The Mews and as a result, it would be helpful for the apartment keys to be placed in the Knox Box rather than being in a situation requiring forceable entry. Mr. Tooma will follow up. It was suggested by Mr. Russell that drafting a local law about this be added to the agenda of the January meeting.

Two chimney issue calls were responded to. Mr. Tooma sent follow up letters.

The motor of the elevator at Somers High School heated up forcing it to be inoperable. Mr. Servello will be made aware in case he wants to follow up.

BUREAU CHIEF'S REPORT

Bureau Chief Tooma reported that Town and BOCES representatives have met regarding the installation of solar panels at their property. The Bureaus requests and wish list were reviewed and discussed. There seemed to be no objections. A few additional items were addressed as well.

The Town is internally reviewing the Code and Mr. Tooma was not able to find the

section of the Code requiring a universal elevator key. Mrs. Schirmer will review further.

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

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m. and the Bureau will meet next on January 21st 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