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THOMAS J. TOOMA, JR.  
CHIEF



**MEETING MINUTES**

April 15, 2026

Bureau Chief Tooma called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

The following were in attendance: Bureau Deputy Chief Greg Lucia, Bureau Deputy Chief Rob Russell, and Bureau Chief Tom Tooma.

**MINUTES**

Bureau Deputy Chief Russell made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2026 meeting as submitted. Bureau Deputy Chief Lucia seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**SUBMISSIONS**

**Heritage Hills Water Treatment Plant**

Veolia Water is proposing to build a new facility at 401 Route 202 to be placed next to their existing building. The Bureau reviewed plans submitted by the Planning Board and would like to see a building section of the proposed building and what will be inside for example chemicals, flammables. In addition, they would like the applicant to address the sections of the 2025 NYS Fire Code as it pertains to emergency access. A memo will be sent to the Planning Board.

**Oscars II Outdoor Dining Application**

As required, the Bureau reviewed and approved an application for Oscars II to offer outdoor dining for 2026. Now it has to be approved by the Town Board.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**247 Route 100**

At their January meeting, the Bureau reviewed and discussed a plan that the owners of

247 Route 100 are proposing to build a new commercial building. Currently there is a 10,000-gallon buried water tank on the property and the Bureau would like a 60,000-gallon buried water tank to be added as part of this project. In addition, the Bureau would like the applicant to address all aspects of compliance of the 2025 NYS Fire Code. A memo was sent to the Planning Board. The applicant's representative contacted Mr. Tooma and asked about the 60,000-gallon water storage. Mr. Tooma responded. It was thought that the proposed building may require a sprinkler system. A letter of response was received which spoke of the water storage, but did not address the request of all aspects of compliance of the 2025 NYS Fire Code. A memo will be sent to the Planning Board requesting that the property owner attend the next Bureau meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **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.

In the meantime, Mr. Lucia presented a draft of a proposed local law. Changes were made and the final draft will be discussed again when a new Water Superintendent is hired.

### **Proposed Local Law Apartments Master Key Update**

There have been recent incidences with the Fire Department not able to access apartments when there is an emergency or natural gas issue. A request is being made to propose a local law for the facilities affected provide an emergency access key in the Knox Box on the property that only the Fire Department will have access to. Mr. Lucia

provided a draft for which there were no changes. This new local law will be proposed to the Town Board for adoption.

### **SOMERS FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF'S REPORT**

Somers Volunteer Fire Department Chief Lucia didn't have a report this evening.

### **BUREAU CHIEF'S REPORT**

The Bureau reviewed a memo from Steve Robbins of Woodard & Curran regarding the Somers Water District #2 Proposal. The Bureau was in favor of the proposal including the design fire flow rate of 1,500 gpm. It was requested that Sigelock Hydrants be used for consistency with the nearby Heritage Hills system and that a hydrant placed in front of 270 Route 202, the Somers Fire District Somers Firehouse, if feasible.

### **BUREAU DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT**

Deputy Chief Lucia and Deputy Chief Russell had nothing to add this evening.

### **CHIEF FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT**

There was no report this month.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business this evening.

### **Reinstatement of Chapter 26 in the Code of the Town of Somers – Elevator Keys**

Once Chapter 26 is put back in the Code of the Town of Somers, all need to be sure that the following is included – those buildings who currently have an Otis elevator key may continue to use it, but moving forward a Yale 2642 must be used for newly installed elevators.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m. and the Bureau will meet next on May 20<sup>th</sup> 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