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THOMAS J. TOOMA, JR.
CHIEF

MEETING MINUTES

August 19, 2026

Bureau Chief Tooma called the meeting to order at 4:30 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 July 15, 2026, meeting as submitted. Bureau Deputy Chief Lucia seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SUBMISSIONS

3 Arthur Court

A referral was received from the Planning Board regarding 3 Arthur Court. Three houses exist on the road and one of the property owners is proposing to subdivide and build a one-family dwelling off a shared roadway. The Bureau would like a better turning radius at the fork in the driveway to accommodate a broken K turn. As per Appendix D of the 2025 Fire Code of NYS, if the proposal doesn't already meet that requirement, the Bureau would like to see it done. A memo will be sent to the Planning Board.

Boulder Pond Estates

The Bureau reviewed and discussed a proposal to place an entry gate at the start of Boulder Pond Estates. In order for the Bureau to proceed on making a decision, they want a more formal design to include a site plan with aerials and elevations. In addition, they would like to meet with a representative of the HOA who is making the request at their next meeting on September 16th. Mrs. Schirmer will reach out to the HOA President.

OLD BUSINESS

NFPA Hydrant Color Coding Local Law

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. Mr. Lucia presented a draft of a proposed local law. All agreed to move forward by proposing this local law to the Town Board which was done by Mr. Russell at their July 9th meeting. A Public Hearing was held on August 6th and the local law was adopted.

Knox Box Local Law

As a result of having continuous issues in securing business keys for Knox Boxes on the commercial properties, and in an effort to ensure life safety and property preservation, the Bureau is proposing a local law that would require all multi-tenant commercial buildings to have the same master key for all tenants or have their own Knox Box. A draft of a memo will be shared.

SOMERS FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF'S REPORT

Somers Fire Department Chief Lucia reported that there was a water main break on Route 35 which flooded the finished basements of two houses.

There was a dryer fire at a facility in Town. He would like the Chief Fire Inspector to follow up and look at all the laundry room vents.

One of the banks in Town changed the key to the basement which was not in the Knox Box. He would like the Chief Fire Inspector to follow up on this as well.

Although the majority of the businesses have placed their key in the Knox Box, some at 80 Route 6 still haven't. Chief Lucia would like to meet with the property owner representative on site to get this straightened out. Mrs. Schirmer will send an email.

BUREAU CHIEF'S REPORT

Bureau Chief Tooma reported two new businesses in Town.

BUREAU DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT

Neither Deputy Chief Lucia or Russell had anything to report.

CHIEF FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

There was no report from the Chief Fire Inspector.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m. and the Bureau will meet next on September 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