

Fire Marshals Report to the Somers Fire Commission, November 15, 2012.

The building Official and I are meeting Jon Murray of the Somers Golf Center and representatives from "THE BARNYARD" Builders in Ellington. I had an issue with the "Event Tent" Exiting and the new cooking building having no separation from the tent used as a Assembly Occupancy.

To deal with this Code issue they are proposing a permanent Pavilion structure of 4,400 square feet. The proposed "PAVILLION" building will have a maximum occupancy load of 300 people. They are also considering a large assembly tent just 10 feet north of the new pavilion. I may have a fire department access problem if that tent is added to the crowded grounds at the complex as well as exit discharge path of travel termination issues.

The installation of the Fire Alarm system and the addition of a flow and tamper switch to the sprinkler system were completed at the DPW Garage in October.

There is an important change made to the Sprinkler system, Fire Department connection, at the Congregational church at 599 Main Street. The fire department connection is located at the left rear of the new church in the sprinkler valve room. The only fire department access is thru the Bank of America parking lot. There is no easement to use that lot for access and there are parked cars in the way during business hours. I requested the construction contractor, Petra Construction, to run a 5 inch pipe from the sprinkler room, underground to the southeast corner of the building, and add a 5 inch Storz connection. Then the Fire Department will have full access from the Main Street driveway entrance to the church parking lot and the fire department connection.

I learned Nov. 7, 2012, in writing, that the Somers Fire Marshal's Office has received a Grant for \$1500 toward the purchase of two Apple I-pads and fire inspection and code software. I had requested \$2,600 but was only awarded \$1500. They will present the check in about a week, to the Town of Somers. This is from FM Global Co. and because of budget cuts could not fund the total cost for this grant request by our Office.

I reviewed and approved plans for a new beauty salon next to Kaman's package store on South road. Several burning permits issued and FM permits for a group home, repair garage, gas station, dispense fuel, and an Event permit and liquor permit issued. The Package store at 106 Main Street, is going across the street to 103 Main Street. It is the old D'zens ice cream and produce store.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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SOMERS FIRE MARSHAL