

Fire Marshal Report to the Somers, Ct. Fire Commission, January 17, 2013

Revenue received from Fire Marshal and burning permits for 2012 was \$6,180. Burning Permits were \$2,125, on 85 permits. 68 fire Marshal permits totaled \$4,055. There was one more FM permit and six less burning permits issued compared to 2011 permits.

On the early morning of January 8, 2013 we responded to the first serious house fire, at 18 Battle Street. The fire was in the front living room but extended to the kitchen in the rear.

The top four feet of all the walls in the house were burned. The fire started in an outside wall in the living room. An improper installation of a wood pellet stove and lack of maintenance caused the fire. Wrong size pipe, no outside make-up air, over filling wrong type pellets and lack of maintenance was the cause. Also tampered wiring on the fan plug to the stove.

Two vacant houses at 37 Maple in Somersville, boarded up per my 12/7/12 letter to owners.

Pipe tested for Fire Dept. connection at the new church at 599 Main.

Plans for new Congregational Church reviewed and several changes made.

Plans for beauty parlor reviewed and construction started on South Road.

Plans for new Gym next door to beauty parlor reviewed and permits issued for construction.

\$1500 grant we received from FM Global will go into my equipment account 1/21/13. I will be able to add about \$800 more from two other accounts giving us \$2300 to buy new apple laptops and fire marshal inspection software programs.

The dry hydrant at the Mill pond was reinstalled and tested by the fire department.

Jeremy Simmons was able to investigate two recent fires for cause and origin, the Hass Road fire in December and 18 Battle Street the morning of 1/8/13.

Several new Codes books ordered for 2013 and Glen and I are scheduled for monthly training through June 2013 to keep up our certifications.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Robert J. Morpurgo

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