

June 29, 2026

Meeting of Wilton Emergency Services Planning Committee was held at the Wilton Emergency Squad Building ; 1 Harran Lane, Saratoga Springs, NY 16:00 Hours

Present: Joe Keneally, Co-Chair Town Council

Mike Hewitt, Co-Chair Wilton Fire Rep.

Duane Bogardus, Greenfield Fire Dept. Rep.

Nate King, Maple Ave. Fire and Wilton Emergency Squad Rep.

Paul Coneski, Career EMS Administrator Rep. , Maple Ave. Fire Life Member

Joe Keneally: The memorandum placing a one year moratorium on BESS facilities was passed at the last Town board meeting.

Duane Bogardus and Mike Hewitt discussed the I87 EV fire of the last week. A Nissan EV would not hold a charge at a residence charger and the owner took it to Lia Nissan at Exit 13S off I87, because the garage was full an employee put it on a rapid charge where it caught fire. Fire was extinguished and was placed on "specialized" flatbed. While being transported the vehicle began smoking and 911 was called numerous times during it's Northward journey. The flatbed operator stopped North of Jones Road where fire personnel attempted to quench the vehicle, State agencies arrived to give advice but no one agreed on a solution. So there are many thoughts on how to putout a lithium fire but no one can give a conscience.

Joe Keneally: Nuisance Alarm Code are we ready to submit this amendment to the Code Revision committee?

Duane Bogardus: The revisions are good but the execution procedure remains confused; The code enforcement people say the levy has to be executed by the court and the court seems to never execute anything.

Joe Keneally: we should bring in a court rep. and building rep. to explain the process.

Nate King: Closing the business seems to work best in solving the nuisance problem

Duane Bogardus: EMS is not represented in this document and their alarms are quite different than fires, they should perhaps write their own document.

Agreement was made to bring the document, with changes to the Code Committee.

Nate King: Planning board issues exist; they just don't understand that the computer models of turning radii don't work, signage and overhangs need to be considered when installing curbing. Hydrants are being rejected as "code is enough" mentality exists. Today's code does not solve tomorrow's growth problems. The proposed car wash on Maple Ave. is going to have a profound effect on the ground water in the area. The development along Maple Ave already has people having to drill new wells.

Duane Bogardus: They should have forethought that there is going to be more growth in the town and prepare ahead, water mains as built to today's code will be insufficient 5 years from now, spend the money before a complete replacement is needed.

Joe Keneally: Perhaps we should have a field trip and bring some of them along to show your concerns.

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Next Meeting  
July 27  
Wilton Town Hall

Respectfully submitted:

*Paul P. Coneski, Jr*