

**BOLTON FIRE COMMISSION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017
MINUTES**

Chairwoman Cheryl Udin convened the Bolton Fire Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the firehouse. Commission members present were John Morianos, John Roback, Robert Langton and Chris Moquin. Chief Dixon and Fire Marshal Raymond Walker were also present.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion to approve the January 23, 2017 meeting minutes. (JM/JR) VU.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Bills that were paid in January were circulated and discussed.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHIEF –

- The department has answered 73 emergency calls since January 1, 2017. Historically we receive on an average of 40 calls a month.
- The budget expenses escalate over the next two months as normal with vehicle maintenance, DOT, pump and ladder testing that has to be done. The ten tires on Truck 134 were replaced last week. We have two more members in fire school this spring and five members in EMT classes. Increased training this fiscal year has put the training accounts in the red for the first time in several years. This is indicative of our recruitment program bringing in more members and that these members are very excited with the core training programs offered to them.
- US Tanker continues to work on the new tanker. The delivery time has been pushed back no doubt because of their recent purchase by Spartan Motors. At this time Chief Dixon am waiting for additional information from the factory and NEFEA on a new projected delivery date.
- Chief Dixon attended one of the Capital hearings on the upcoming budget in favor of funding for operational expenses for all of the state fire schools. Passing of this House Bill will lower the expenses to every municipality for fire and hazardous material training. The Town of Bolton would typically save between \$2,300 and \$5,500 a year depending on class enrollment.
- On Thursday, February 9, 2017 the fire department had ten members in the fire station from 0600 through until 2000 during the snow storm. These members loggin a total of 60.5 hours. Three emergencies were responded to during that time including shutting down West Street and then French Road for several hours due to downed power lines and trees in the road. An ambulance from ASM was stationed in the fire house for approximately five hours during the peak of the storm. Continued radio and phone communications were had with the Tolland County 9-11 Dispatch Center, the Bolton Highway Department, State DOT supervisor and EMD Rupert via emails.
- Chief accepted the resignation of one Lieutenant as of January 31, 2017. Lt. Neil Roback has moved out of town and will continue to participate in as many drills, committee appointments and emergency calls as possible. Lt Roback was a Lieutenant in excellent standing in the department in this position for over two years. He has been a member for nine years.
- Chief have appointed Daniel Ross to the position of Lieutenant as of February 1, 2017. Lt. Ross has certifications in FF1, FFII, Haz Mat Operations and EMT.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

Current Activities:

- Regular inspections and ongoing follow ups continued including; 17 Howard Road regarding Fire Department site access and a Knox Box, 222 Boston Turnpike propane service, 108 Notch Road regarding proposed work on limited area protection sprinklers and associated backflow devices. There was also a Land Use Team meeting to discuss a proposed development at 7 Loomis Road.
- Fire investigations and fire and alarm follow-ups were conducted for 52 Brookfield Road, a CO call.
- Fire Marshal Walker continued participation in the tall wood building project including a telephone conference regarding the parameters of live fire testing at NIST.
- Fire Marshal Walker had a dialogue with the Senior Center intern Meghan regarding fire and life safety information for seniors.
- The Bolton Fire Department Knox Key Secure system was updated to reflect Officer changes.
- Fire Marshal Walker is currently serving as Interim Fire Marshal in Vernon.

Upcoming Activities:

- Regular inspections will continue including; a pre fire plan walk thru at BCS, 168 Bolton Center Road kitchen fire protection, and 1041 Boston Turnpike for completion of post fire renovations.
- Fire Marshal Walker will be an in service instructor in March for OEDM.
- The Fire Marshal Officer will deliver a fire and life safety program at the Senior Center in April.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, March 27, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m. (CM/RL) VU.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet K. Assard
Board Clerk

PLEASE SEE MINUTES OF SUBSEQUENT MEETING FOR APPROVAL/CORRECTIONS TO THESE MINUTES