

BOLTON FIRE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 23, 2018
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 and Chris Moquin. Fire Chief Bruce Dixon and Fire Marshal James Rupert were also in attendance. Robert Langton was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Motion to approve the June 25, 2018 minutes. (JR/JM) V.U.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS – None

CORRESPONDENCE – Memo from Elizabeth C. Waters CCTC, Town Clerk dated June 28, 2018 to all Appointed Board and Commission Chairmans regarding the Election of Officers.

Motion to a elect the following officers for the Bolton Fire Commission: Chairman – John Morianos, Treasurer – John Roback, Secretary – Robert Langton (CU/JR) V.U.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHIEF

- The fire department responded to 48 emergency calls since the last commissioners meeting. Five were motor vehicle accidents and many EMS calls. Last month there was two fatal motorcycle accidents and several other calls that involved untimely deaths. We put up a message on our sign board in front of the fire house, “Please Slow Down and have a Safe Summer”.
- The end of year 2017-2018 budget transactions went very well. New turnout gear and equipment was purchased after unexpected maintenance was done on ET334. The 2018-2019 fiscal budget has begun.
- Chief Dixon traveled to Wisconsin this past month to conduct a final inspection with senior management at US Tanker. He was very pleased with the end results of what this manufacturing facility's staff had done for us. The tanker should be back in operation within the next week or so in Bolton.
- Chief Dixon presented a request for a defined training area again behind the firehouse to the Safety Board of the Selectmen. There were many questions and in the end a very positive response to the request. Later this past month the Selectmen and the Planning and Zoning committee approved the construction on this area for us. It will definitely be a benefit to the Bolton Fire Department (BVFD) membership for future training.

- BVFD continue to conduct training on Monday nights. This month we did additional training in Andover concentrating on relay pumping of water. On Saturday in Hebron worked on many rescue/SCBA evolutions with seven other departments.
- The BVFD assisted the Bolton Woman's Club at a concert on the Green. It was a very nice event that was well received by those in attendance.
- The BVFD presented some fun activities at the Herrick Park summer camp this past month.
- Deputy Chief Pete Morra and Chief Dixon attended the New England Fire Chief convention at Foxwoods. They also attended the Tolland County Mutual Aid Fire Chiefs meeting in Columbia with Municipal Representative John Morianos who has not missed any meetings.
- Chief Dixon represented the fire department in the statewide disaster drill that was done at the town hall with the Emergency Management Director and town staff.
- Service 234 is scheduled to arrive at the dealer in about a week. The body, lights, radios and graphics will be installed prior to delivery and we are hoping for its arrival in August 2018.
- Deputy Chief Morra and Chief Dixon had interviews with members desiring Officer positions for 2018-2019. The positions will be filled by the department's August monthly meeting.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

The following occurred in the last month:

Fire Marshal James Rupert (FMJR) is continuing to work with the AD Hoc Committee with the Office of the State Fire Marshal and State Building Official. We had a webinar hosted by the International Code Council on July 11, 2018 where they discussed the International Fire Code and learned how to apply it to existing structures. There should be a similar meeting coming up with NFPA in the near future. No date has been proposed as yet.

An above ceiling inspection for the dental office at 1120 Boston Turnpike was completed. FMJR will be conducting a pre-CO walkthrough on July 24, 2018 to help identify any issues prior to the CO inspection which may be one week from today. Chief Dixon reported that the driveway does not pose any difficulties for fire apparatus.

FMJR was on site and witnessed the removal of the oil tank at Bolton Center School on July 16, 2018. The lab report has not yet come back but there did not appear to be any visible signs of contamination and the tank was in good condition.

Contact has been made with Keith from Fire House software and FMJR will try to meet with him in the near future to gain more information into the program and get answers to the questions about reliability and data recovery.

An inspection was conducted at the group home at 86 Volpi Road and some minor issues needed to be addressed. They communicated that they had made corrections to the items found during the inspection. A re-inspection was conducted today, June 23, 2018 and all items were found to be corrected in a satisfactory manner.

An inspection was conducted at Villa Louisa. There are items for correction that were discussed verbally with the owner and banquet manager at the time of inspection. FMJR is awaiting alarm testing information from them and will continue to work with them regarding necessary corrections.

On the July 15, 2018 FMJR received a call from Chief Dixon regarding the alarm panel at the Rosewood Group Home. The BVFD had responded to an alarm. No key was on site for access to reset. They were given permission to force entry into the panel and reset it which they did. They requested contact through TN when repairs were made. FMJR stopped by today, July 23, 2018 and found that the repairs were made to the fire alarm control panel. It was suggested that they make a spare key and keep it in a safe location.

There have been no fire incidents since my last report that have required investigation or reporting.

OLD BUSINESS – The plaque and monument which has a plaque with the fireman's prayer was discussed. Chris Moquin mentioned that his son did the project as an Eagle Scout project over 10 years ago. Over the years the weather and sun have caused damage. The plaque with the fireman's prayer has been replaced with an etched glass one by the Bolton Fire Department Inc.

NEW BUSINESS – The Agreement between the Town of Bolton and the Bolton Fire Department was discussed.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, September 24, 2018. No meeting scheduled for August.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 7:49 P.M. (JM/JR) V.U.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet K. Assard
Board Clerk

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

