

**BOLTON FIRE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2020
VIA ZOOM PLATFORM – 7:00 P.M.**

Chairman John Morianos convened the Bolton Fire Commission meeting at 7:00 P.M. Via ZOOM Platform. Commission members present were Robert Langton, Chris Moquin, John Roback and Cheryl Udin. Fire Chief Bruce Dixon, Fire Marshal James Rupert and Deputy Fire Marshal Bill Call were also in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Motion to approve minutes from February 24, 2020 meeting (JR/RL) V.U. Motion to approve minutes April 27, 2020 meeting (CU/JR) V.U. No meeting was held in March, due to COVID-19.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Bills that were paid in April were discussed in detail by Chief Dixon.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHIEF

- Since the last meeting, the Bolton Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) responded to 36 calls for service. Brush fires, motor vehicle accident, trees and wires down, hazardous material spill, many EMS calls and several mutual aid calls. The COVID-19 calls are taking their toll on the membership. Every call that we go to is a potential virus call that we take extra precautions at.

- The training division has conducted a number of ZOOM meeting in the last few months. We have had a number of training topics covered including medical and hazardous materials.

- Monthly meetings have also been well attended via this meeting platform. On May 4, 2020, Chief Dixon and Deputy Chief Eremita were elected to these positions. A very nice parade preceded the meeting to honor retiring Deputy Chief Peter Morra. Pete retired as the Deputy Chief after 7 years in the position. That evening also marked his 50th anniversary in the BVFD, all on his birthday. He will continue as an active member of the BVFD in a different position. The other corporate officers elected are Joseph White, President; Neil Roback, Vice President; Bob Langton, Secretary, and Jim Aldrich, Treasurer.

- The apparatus had its annual testing done. Tires on Rescue 134 need to be replaced due to the age of the tires per NFPA recommendations. Completed our annual hose and ladder testing with a few lengths of hose taken out of service.
- The 2019-2020 budget continues to be spent down mostly on apparatus, equipment maintenance and personal protective gear. Some replacement medical and fire equipment that was to be purchased this year has been put off until the 2020-2021 budget due to finance constraints put on the BVFD at the end of the last fiscal year. This caused a number of purchased items in 2018-2019 to be carried over into this year's budget spending.
- The BVFD is ordering a new electric sign to replace the current letter sign which is located in front of the fire house. The intent is to relocate the existing sign to the Bolton Senior Center. This sign was an Eagle Scout project a number of years ago. The town has approved a new storage building that will be located to the rear of the BVFD parking area.
- The annual banquet was postponed due to the Governor's ruling on group gatherings.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT – Due to COVID-19 routine inspections have not occurred. Bill Call will do some follow-up on several inspections that were conducted in March. Follow up will be conducted on 3 application for eateries in town. These restaurants will re-open on May 20, 2020. Chief Dixon questioned the safety of people at outdoor seating at restaurants. Jim reported that they are working with restaurant owners on this concern. Robert Langton questioned whether we have enough PPE. Jim replied that we do.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

Next meeting scheduled for June 22, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:39 p.m. (CM/JR) V.U.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Kurys Assard

Board Clerk

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

