

BOLTON FIRE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2020
REVISED AGENDA
VIA ZOOM PLATFORM – 7:00 P.M.
Phone Number: 1-929-205-6099
Meeting ID: 844 8425 3437

Fire Commission member Cherly Udin convened the Bolton Fire Commission meeting at 7:20 P.M.

Commission members present were Cheryl Udin, Chris Moquin and Robert Langton. Fire Chief Bruce Dixon and Deputy Fire Marshal Bill Call were in attendance. Absent were members, John Morianos, John Roback and Fire Marshal James Rupert.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Motion to approve minutes from October 26, 2020 meeting (RL/CU) V.U.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – October bills were discussed.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHIEF

- The Bolton Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) responded to 41 emergencies over the last month. There was a dump truck accident on Steeles Crossing Road, motor vehicle accident on Camp Meeting Road and several on Hop River Road, (Route 6). Also responded to an appliance fire, several haz mat calls along with many medical calls.
- The budget continues to be spent down as expected. We did have a \$3,590 bill for engine work due to an unexpected malfunction on ET334. Six sets of new turnout gear have arrived. The 2020–2021 budget preparations are underway. Chief Dixon presented his initial thoughts to the fire commission in advance of the due date to the Town Administrative Officer of late December 2020.
- The BVFD training schedule continues every Monday night. Recent training included vehicle extrication and stabilization, medical trauma with hands on practice of a number of scenarios, live chimney fire practicals with Truck 134, and self-contained breathing apparatus, and turnout gear. With the upswing of COVID-19 in the state, we will be going to all virtual training and meetings for the foreseeable future. The annual live burn that was to be conducted with the Andover Fire Department at the fire school has

been put off until the spring due to health concerns for our members, our families and community, with the spread of the COVID-19.

- BVFD currently has seven members in training classes at the Eastern CT Fire School in Willimantic.
- Marine 134 arrived on Sunday. Several members were on hand along with First Selectman Sandy Pierog to get an overview of the operations by the supplier.
- Chief Dixon had some conversations with the Bolton Charter Commission and suggested several changes to be considered.
- The 2021-2022 budget is due the the Selectment at the end of December.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

Inspections since last meeting included the following locations: Fish Family Farm, Bolton Lake Dental, Comcast, Bolton Notch RV, New England Homes, CVC, Able Coil and Bolton Shell. This includes follow up inspections that address the violation repairs.

Depuy Fire Marshal Bill Call is working with the Fire Marshal to address second inspection at apartments.

OLD BUSINESS – Cheryl Udin asked when the old sign that was at the Bolton Fire House would be moved to the Bolton Senior Center. Chief Dixon informed the commission that it would be moved in the near buture.

NEW BUSINESS – Clarke Landscaping will be cleaning and working on the front of the Bolton Fire House.

Next meeting scheduled for December 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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