

BOLTON FIRE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022
BOLTON FIRE HOUSE – 7:00 P.M.
AND VIA ZOOM

Fire Commission Chairman John Morianos convened the Bolton Fire Commission meeting at 7:00 P.M. at the Bolton Fire House and via Zoom.

Commission members present were Daniel Moquin, Chris Moquin, Robert Langton and Elizabeth Malone. Also present were Fire Chief Bruce Dixon and Deputy Fire Marshal Bill Call. Fire Marshall James Rupert was not present.

Dan Moquin was introduced as the newest member to the Fire Commission. He is the son on Chris Moquin. He had been involved with the Bolton and Coventry fire departments. He is currently employed as a dispatcher for Eversouce. Everyone welcomed him to the commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES –Motion to approve minutes from December 13, 2021 minutes. (CM/EM) V.U.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – December bills were circulated and discussed.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHIEF

The following activites took place in 2021.

- 553 emergency calls which included multiple motor vehicle accidents and a propane truck vs. car fatal accident on Route 6.
- On August 28, 2021, a major storm that included the failure of the Marc Anthony Lane bridge.
- Two structure fires, at School Road and Tumblebrook Road.
- Hundreds of emergency medical calls.
- ET334 – The diesel engine failed and has been replaced.
- Marine 134 – new boat 16 ft aluminum flat bottom boat was put into service.
- ESO and PSTrac – Two new computer programs were put in place at the fire house, ESO is for NFIRS call reporting, and replaced the Firehouse program. PSTrac is for inventory and equipment monitoring.
- Bolton Firefighter Memorial Garden – was installed and there will have a dedication ceremony in the spring of 2022. It is open to the public to walk around.
- ET134 – It went out for competitive bid. The new vehicle has been ordered and is expected to be delivered in around 16 months. This vehicle was initially put into the town's 2015 Capital Plan. The approximate cost is \$809,274. Robert Langton questioned if the price can change because of supplier cost increases. Chief Dixon said that if the order was entered in 2022, the price would have increased by approximately \$43,000, and that we are now locked into the actual bid price.

- The budget was finalized in December and submitted to the Board of Selectmen. The increase in the budget was in training for the new members and 15 SCBA bottles that are at their end of 15 year life. The Fire Commission and Fire Chief met, via ZOOM, with the Selectmen and presented the budget for consideration in the 2022 – 2023 fiscal year.
- There was a discussions regarding the demolition of the Bolton Senior Center and potential addition to the fire house. A temporary building committee meeting was held earlier this month that included a walk-through of the current fire house and bays. Additional bays, offices, and storage areas are needed.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

Fire Marshal Report – The following activities took place since the last meeting:

- Investigate CO call – 154 South Street
- ESO duties
- Test and re-apply for State Burning Official status

The following inspections took place since the last meeting:

- Re-inspect new M&M Oil
- Re-inspect Cutting Edge Hair Salon
- 890 Boston Turnpike, multiple inspections
- 6 French Road, multiple inspections

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – Chris Moquin asked what the status of the bridge on Marc Anthony Lane is. Chief Dixon replied that he attended a meeting with various personnel from the town hall and two bridge engineers and the town attorney. There is a bridge in place, however, there has never been an engineering study or certification for weight capacity. The Board of Selectmen and the town administration will continue to research this before comment. At this time, the fire department service vehicles, pickups and ambulances, are the only apparatus that are permitted to cross this temporary bridge, when responding to the homes for a medical or rescue type of call. The fire department has a plan in place to lay hose across the bridge to these four homes, though not timely, in the event of an emergency that requires fire apparatus.

Next meeting scheduled for February 28, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. (EM/DM) V.U.

Respectfully submitted,

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