

BOLTON FIRE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 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.

Commission members present were Chris Moquin, Danny Moquin, Robert Langton and Elizabeth Malone. Also present were Fire Chief Bruce Dixon and Deputy Fire Marshal Bill Call.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Motion to approve minutes from October 24, 2022 minutes. (RL/CM) VU.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Bills paid in October were distributed.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHIEF

- 45 emergency calls since our last meeting including 5 vehicle accidents, 1 construction equipment fire, 2 brush fires out of town, cover assignment to Vernon and many medical calls.
- Budget spending is on track currently. Chief Dixon is starting to work on the 2022–2023 budget proposal.
- We put the new Forestry 134, a FEMA Grant gift, into service this month, with two brush fires in Coventry and Hebron to date. The truck is operating very well.
- New gear has been ordered for several members. Bolton Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) physicals are ongoing per OSHA requirements and we are complying with our department policy concerning active member’s physicals.
- Our Standard Operating Guideline (SOG) Committee is working weekly on updates to our SOGs. Updated procedures along with SOGs from several other departments are being considered in producing these standards for the safety of our members while operating at emergency scenes, as well as guidelines for in house prior to and after an emergency call.
- The BVFD held the “Annual Live Burn” with the Andover Fire Department at the Eastern Connecticut Fire School in Willimantic on October 30, 2022.
- Fire Officer and Apparatus Engineer list has been updated.
- We took delivery of the new 20 foot Bravo trailer. Modifications have begun to house the UTV and skid Stokes basket and forestry fire pump and tank.
- Bolton UTV operated by FF/EMT Weaver participated in the Manchester Road Race for medical coverage.

- An appraisal has been received on the 1953 Dodge forestry truck; Town Administrator Jim Rupert will handle any bid requests for this vehicle. The truck will be moved to another town storage area and the hose trailer will be relocated to our Satellite station.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

Once again we have resumed a schedule to complete annual inspections. Deputy Fire Marshal Call and Fire Marshal Rupert have discussed our approach this year which will delve into greater detail and add pressure to complete uncorrected issues from previous inspections. We conducted an inspection together of the common spaces at 890 Boston Turnpike together as a result of a request by the responding agencies who spent time there after the stabbing incident. Significant deficiencies were found with the fire escape and we required a quick turnaround for repairs. It is currently safer than it was but the repair did not meet building code requirements and corrections should be forthcoming. Deputy Fire Marshal Call and BO Heckman will follow up. On top of affecting corrections it was a great opportunity for Deputy Fire Marshal Call and Fire Marshal Rupert to collaborate in the field which is not something we get to do regularly.

As a result of an inspection by Deputy Fire Marshal Call some egress deficiencies were discovered at the Bolton Center School. They are using unlisted devices to keep doors from latching which is a violation of the listing on the device as well as a code compliance issue. This is done for security reasons but common ground needs to be found to address both fire safety and security. We will be conducting a walkthrough with the school staff on Wednesday in an effort to help them understand the issue and collaborate to find code compliant ways to resolve the issues.

Fire Marshal Rupert conducted one fire investigation in the last month which was a skid steer fire. It was unclear if the fire started as the result of an electrical short that then compromised the fuel line or the fuel line leaked and created the fire conditions. The fire is classified as accidental.

DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

Activities:

- 1- Senior Knox Box Installs - 3 more -11 total
- 2- Knox Box New Mitchell Fuel
- 3- Knox Box All Town Mobil
- 4- CEUs completed – 3 more years

Inspections since last meeting:

- 1- New Mitchell Fuel
- 2- Dollar General X 3
- 3- New Mobil Station final
- 4- 890 Boston Turnpike with FM – Multiple inspections and
- 5- 6 Notch Road Extension X 2
- 6- Sunset Apartments X 2 with 2 units not yet inspected
- 7- Hans Christian Anderson Permit Inspection
- 8- 2 Unannounced school inspections with violations – working with FM and ABO

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – Chief Dixon mentioned that he will have the 22-23 budget prepared before the December 12, 2022 meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for December 12, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn at 8:14 pm (RL/DM)

Respectfully submitted,

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