

BOLTON FIRE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2023  
BOLTON FIRE HOUSE – 7:00 P.M.  
AND VIA ZOOM

Fire Commission chairman John Morianos convened the Bolton Fire Commission meeting at 7:06 P.M. at the Bolton Fire House.

Commission members present were John Morianos, Elizabeth Malone and Robert Langton. Danny Moquin attended via zoom. James Rupert also attended via zoom. Also present was Fire Chief Bruce Dixon and Deputy Fire Marshal Bill Call. Chris Moquin was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion to approved March 27, 2023 meeting minutes. (RL/EM) VU.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Bills were circulated and discussed briefly.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHIEF

- 43 emergency calls since the last meeting which included 2 drug overdoses, 1 mutual aid in Vernon, 1 brush fire and 1 trailer fire on I384.
- All apparatus' have had pump tests and DOT testing completed.
- Rescue 134 is going in for annual service at Firematic on May 15, 2023.
- Hose and ladder testing is scheduled for April 27, 2023.
- SCBA fit testing is scheduled for May 1, 2023.
- SCBA unit recertification is scheduled for May 2023.
- Training was conducted for cold water drill, ob-gyn, forcible entry.
- Dry hydrant maintenance is being conducted tonight.
- The annual banquet is scheduled for Sunday, April 30, 2023.
- The annual meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 1, 2023.

## FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

- Jim mentioned that there was a fire investigation of a trailer fire on I-84, with lots of smoke. The trailer was supposed to be carrying 20,000 pounds however it was carrying 30,000 pounds. It was determined that this was not a cause of the fire, however Jim did not agree.

## DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

### **Activities:**

- 1- ESO inspection records
- 2- CRFMA meeting in Hartford
- 3- CT Fire Prevention Poster Recognition awards luncheon March 29, 2023 in East Hartford

### **Inspections since last meeting:**

- 1- 890 Boston Turnpike – 6 inspections one with new BO
- 2- New Business inspection – Candle Collaborative - 299 Boston Turnpike
- 3- 3 Burn Permits and inspections
- 4- Georgina's annual inspection
- 5- 3 Brandy Street Apartments.

Building Official - Bill will have his name listed first as the Burning Official for the town. Lance Dimock will be the back-up person and his name will be listed second.

890 – Boston Turnpike - Bob questioned if the fire escape is safe for our volunteer fire fighters. Bill mentioned that the fire escape did not pass inspection. All smoke detectors are working, and the rest of the building and every apartment has been inspected.

Jim said that this building is far from being done and does not meet code.

OLD BUSINESS – The Fire Chief's job description was discussed. Motion to approve and accept the job description for the Fire Chief for any new, future fire chiefs. (RL/EM). VU

Jim mentioned that the public hearing on the budget will be held tomorrow, April 25, 2023 at 7:15 pm at town hall. If the town budget is reduced, it will be an amount. The Board of Finance will not make reductions to specific budgets.

NEW BUSINESS – 299 Boston Turnpike had an inspection and permits issued. Candle Collaborative is a new business and is located in the space where the Thai Restaurant was. They specialize in creating candles scented and marketed at events at local brews per past publications.

John Morianos's term was discussed. He is interested in being re-appointed as a member of the Fire Commission. Board Clerk Janet Assard will send a letter to the Board of Selectmen.

The Fire Commission has not received a formal letter from the Bolton Volunteer Fire Department with nominations for the Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief. Based on the minutes from the Fire Department meeting, it was decided to make the following motion. Motion to accept the nomination of Bruce Dixon as Fire Chief and Michael Eremita as Deputy Fire Chief for the next year. (RL/EM) VU.

Next meeting scheduled for May 22, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn at 7:42 pm (RL/EM) VU

Respectfully submitted,

*Janet K. Assard*

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Board Clerk