

BOLTON FIRE COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024

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 was Robert Langton and Chris Moquin. Also present was Fire Marshall Bill Call and Deputy Chief Matthew Perreira.

Danny Moquin and Elizabeth Malone were absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion to approve the March 25, 2024 meeting minutes (CM/JM) VU.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – None

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHIEF –

- The Bolton Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) responded to 45 emergency calls since the last meeting which included a recovery at Bolton Lake, Route 44/Coventry line rollover, multiple storm calls with trees and wires down and a CPR call on Notch Road.
- Budget: Truck 134 and Tanker 234 Annual Service. Truck 134 had non-destructive test to ladder.
- BVFD is purchasing radios to upgrade the aging systems. Took six portables out of service that failed inspection.
- Training: Recently two officers qualified to drive Truck 134. Another member certified as an EMT. Roof prop building is nearing completion.
- BVFD member had an injury to a hand. The member was treated at Manchester Memorial Hospital and doctor just released him back to full service.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT –

Activities:

- 2 Knox Box installations for senior citizens
- Fire drill witness at Bolton Center School
- CRFMA in Glastonbury
- Call back with (BVFD) at 65 Shoddy Mill Road
- Congregational Church – Problem with hood suppression system
- Meet with Bolton Center School principal for fire prevention duties

- CBOA all day seminar
- Fire lane violation All Town
- 2-day seminar in Waterbury with State Fire Marshal Association
- Clark Road for welfare check
- Picked up 40 ERG guides from the State Fire Marshal's office for the Town

Inspections since last meeting:

- South Road apartments x 3 - Yearly completed 100% of units
- 4 Burn permits issued with inspection
- New fire curtain inspection with building official
- 890 Boston Turnpike X 5 all units inspected. One inspection with Deputy Fire Marshal
- Hull Auto Body 3-year inspection
- Progress inspection 271 Hop River Road
- All Town inspection for outdoor patio dining
- Assist Dean Drive RV owner with electrical fire/short circuit

DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT – None

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – Motion to approve the recommendation from Joseph “Chip” White, President of the BVFD for Bruce Dixon as Fire Chief and Matthew Perreira as Deputy Fire Chief. (J.M./R.L.)
VU

Robert Langton expressed concern regarding the number of members that attend calls during the day. A lot is being put on the offices and the chief. Commission members agreed that something needs to be done to attract members to the fire department.

Next meeting scheduled for May 20, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn at 7:20 pm (JM/RL) VU

Respectfully submitted,

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Board Clerk