

BOLTON FIRE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 25, 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. Elizabeth Malone attended via zoom. Danny Moquin was absent. Also present was Fire Marshal Bill Call.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion to approve the October 28, 2024 meeting minutes (RL/CM) VU.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Bills from the past three months were circulated.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHIEF –

- 53 calls for the last month which included brush fires and motor vehicle accidents. Currently there is a burn ban in the Town of Bolton.
- Budget will be discussed under New Business: The Capital Improvement Plans were submitted to the Selectmen's office on time.
- Training is ongoing.
- Chief Dixon discussed the possible change in the OSHA requirements for physicals which will increase in cost.
- Radios – Chief Dixon worked on a FEMA grant with the towns of Tolland and Somers which is due around December 20, 2024. Next step if we are awarded this grant will be to upgrade the mobile radios through the CIP program.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT –

Activities:

- Fire Prevention demonstration Bolton Center School
- Respond to wires on fire at 74 South Road
- Mutual Aid Agreement – complete, waiting for Selectmen approval
- Out of office for one week
- Budget preparation month of December

Inspections since last meeting:

- Carlyle Johnson Machine
- Bolton RV
- Dollar General
- 10 Quarry Road

The new fire escape at 890 Boston Turnpike was discussed. It must be built to the exact specifications. Once that is complete the old fire scape will be removed.

DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT – None

OLD BUSINESS – Robert Langton asked if the Selectmen had a timeline for the study regarding the strategic plan for the future of the paid positions during the day for the BVFD. Chief Dixon responded that it is a work in progress.

John Morianos asked if there were any updates on the intersections of I 384, 6 and 44. Chief Dixon replied that First Selectman Fournier was going to follow up on that with the DOT.

NEW BUSINESS – Chief Dixon is working on the 2025-2026 budget for December presentation. The budget was discussed. Chief Dixon will finalize and have it ready for the December 9, 2024 meeting.

Chief Dixon informed the members that former Deputy Fire Marshal Lauri Volkert, who was the Fire Marshal in Windsor, has been promoted to the State Fire Marshal position. Lauri was our Deputy Fire Marshal several years ago.

Next meeting scheduled for December 9, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn at 8:07 pm (CM/RL) VU

Respectfully submitted,

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