

BOLTON FIRE COMMISSION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017
MINUTES

Chairwoman Cheryl Udin convened the Bolton Fire Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Firehouse. Commission members present were John Morianos, Robert Langton, John Moquin and John Roback. Chief Bruce Dixon and Fire Marshal Ray Walker were in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Motion to approve the October 23, 2017 minutes. (JR/JM) V.U.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS – Bills that were paid in and October were circulated.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Memorandum from Joyce Stille, Administrative Officer, dated November 13, 2017 addressed to Bruce Dixon, Fire Department regarding the Five-Year Capital Plan. Revised plan is due back to the Board of Selectmen's Office is due back by noon on Monday, December 4, 2017.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHIEF

- The Bolton Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) answered 57 emergency calls in October. Year to date responded to 472 emergency calls.
- BVFD responded to 540 calls for the entire year of 2016.
- Responded to several accidents, numerous medical calls and several structure fires in Hebron and Bolton, storm damage problems and multiple street closures due to trees and wires down.
- Responded to several calls on Interstate 384, Route 6 and Route 44 that involved downed trees, wires and utility poles down and very large brush fires. The last one burned approximately 7 acres and many sections of town around Route 44 were without power for approximately ten hours.
- Chief Dixon has been working on the 2018-2019 budget proposal and presented preliminary figures to the commission tonight.
- BVFD participated in a "Live Burn" drill at the Bloomfield Training Facility with the Tolland Fire Department. 25 firefighters trained in the building with many more assisting as support staff outside. Chief Dixon organized and over saw this training exercise.
- Chief Dixon attended a Board of Director's meetings of the Eastern CT Fire School. The state has recently changed their budget for ECFS from \$20,000 to \$150,000 for this fiscal year and will now conduct Firefighter 1 and II Classes in January 2018. Fall classes were cancelled due to the lack of a budget and turned away 18 students.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

Current Activities:

- Regular Fire Marshal's Office activities continued with plan reviews for the actual building at 1100 Boston Turnpike and a residential subdivision at 114 Brandy Street.
- Fire Marshal Walker continued observing gas line pressure tests at town buildings related to the conversion to natural gas.
- Fire Marshal Walker and Building Official Rupert inspected the boiler conversions at Bolton Center School. These failed due to incomplete work.
- Fire Marshal Walker and Building Official Rupert did the final inspection for the renovations and improvements at Simoniz.
- Fire Marshal Walker responded to a CO call at 213 West Street and Deputy Fire Marshal Rupert handled a house fire at 81 Tolland Road.
- A meeting was held with school and public safety officials at Bolton Center School to discuss natural gas safety.
- Fire Marshal Walker reviewed and signed off on the Bolton School Emergency Plan.
- Deputy Fire Marshal Volkert was a presenter at the NFPA Program, "Remembering When" in Nashville, TN.
- Fire Marshal Walker will be a speaker at the November meeting of the Honorable Order of the Blue Goose, Hartford Pond. This is a civic/community based group of companies that deal with fire scene recovery, restoration and insurance based actions.

Upcoming Activities:

In November Deputy Fire Marshal Volkert will be a presenter at a NFPA sponsored conference as part of their "Remembering When" program.

OLD BUSINESS – Both the BVFD Budget and the Fire Commission were discussed in detail.

NEW BUSINESS – None

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, December 11, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M. (CM/RL) V.U.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet K. Assard
Board Clerk

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

