

BOLTON FIRE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2018  
MINUTES

Chairman John Morianos convened the Bolton Fire Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the firehouse. Commission members present were Robert Langton and John Roback. Fire Chief Bruce Dixon was also in attendance. Fire Marshal James Rupert and members Chris Moquin and Cheryl Udin were absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Motion to approve the September 24, 2018 minutes with the following correction. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPUTY CHIEF - A plaque that Fire Chief Dixon purchased was presented to Cheryl Udin for 15 year of service as Bolton Fire Commission Chairwoman. Thank you Cheryl for all of your time, hard work and dedication. (JR/JM) V.U.

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

CORRESPONDENCE – None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHIEF

- The Bolton Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) responded to many routine calls this past month.
- The BVFD participated in the School Safety public forum at BHS on October 10, 2018 with the school officials, EMD/ Fire Marshal, the State Police, health department and Deputy Chief Pete Morra. The meeting was well planned, but poorly attended.
- ET 334 – The fire pump has been rebuilt approximately three months ago. It recently had additional leaks that were corrected by Gowans Knight. The water tank was cracked and repaired by UPF. This is a 1993 E1 vehicle with a lifetime warranty on the water tank.. Repairs were made at the Bolton Fire House at no charge. This vehicle is scheduled to be replaced in 2022.
- The new Dodge pickup, Service 234, has arrived. Driver training will be on-going.
- Truck 134 had some emission parts replaced and repairs have been completed.

- The new Hurst Hydraulic Brake pedal cutter has been placed on R134.. This tool will assist the membership during complex extractions.
- In 2015 Chief Dixon addressed a possibility of an expanded training area at the fire house with the Board of Selectmen and Joyce Stille, Administrative Officer. Recently the plans were discussed with the Inland/Wetlands Commission, the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Selectmen. Approval was given and the area is going to be cleared of trees. The Highway Department is going to provide fill and the paving will be done in Spring 2019. This will allow the BVFD members to conduct advanced training at the fire house.
- Notch Road Cistern – Is functioning and has been filled with 30,000 gallons of water. It will be tested and monitored in a month. Several new parts were ordered through Kocheck in Putnam, CT for dry hydrant repairs.
- Chief Dixon mentioned a special “Thank You” to Deputy Chief Peter Morra, Chief Engineer John Roback, and all of the officers and members for doing a great job during the past six weeks while he was out.
- Town Gazebo – The BVFD is participating in the Scare Crow contest, with a firefighter scare crow holding a sign indicating they are looking for volunteers.
- Eastern CT Fire School sponsored an event at the firehouse for cancer. It was entitled “Taking Action Against Cancer in the Fire Service”. The speaker was a Lt. from the Meriden Fire Department.

## FIRE MARSHAL’S REPORT

Since the last report the office of the Bolton Fire Marshal has been engaged in the following activities.

- Aiding in planning and participation in the School and Town Safety forum. FM Rupert acted as the moderator for the event.
- Along with Deputy Chief Morra and other members of the BVFD, had a successful fire prevention event at Bolton Center School. Sparky the Fire Dog made a guest appearance and was well received.
- Deputy Fire Marshal Volkert picked up the poster contest supplies and started that process with Bolton Center School staff.

- FM Rupert contributed a fire prevention article for the Bolton Bulletin.
- FM Rupert was a guest on the Town Administrators show for Fire Prevention Month.
- FM Rupert started follow up with Villa Louisa for repairs as required per our last inspection.
- An inspection was conducted at the HCA Montessori School.
- A fire prevention event with HCA Montessori School and the YWCA is being planned.
- The annual inspection for YWCA has been scheduled.
- FM Rupert will be scheduling follow up inspections at Bolton Center School and Bolton High School.
- The School Safety plan was reviewed, signed and sent to DEMHS.
- FM Rupert conducted a plan review and orchestrated a pre-construction meeting for the tank and dispenser replacement at 1135 Boston Turnpike.
- FM Rupert participated in moving the cistern installation forward on Notch Road along with inspections and filling. BVFD has tested the cistern and it functions well. Initially there was some concern regarding a stone and dirty water discharge during testing. The tank was inspected from the interior and the one stone was removed. The interior was otherwise found to be clear of any debris with the exception of some light accumulation of fine soil in the corners. The cistern level is being monitored.
- There was an incident at 152 Hebron Road with two youths cutting up a pickup truck within the Town right of way. This resulted in a response by BVFD and CSP. A report was made to DEEP and CSP obtained contact information for responsible parties.
- An investigation was completed after a lightning strike on Tamarac Drive. It appears that the power surge from the close proximity strike came in on the electrical grounding or well line and gutter. It resulted in some damage to the electrical system and some appliances that were plugged in. It also resulted in some sheetrock damage where two outlets were blown out of the wall.
- Deputy Fire Marshal Volkert is teaching a class for the fall continuing education program.
- FM Rupert conducted an inspection of the renovation work to the Congregational Church hall.

- Permits were issued for the installation of an underground sprinkler main to the lower building at Simoniz. The installation of the main was inspected and tested at 200 PSI for the required one hour which resulted in a pass.

OLD BUSINESS – Chief Dixon will be following up on the electronic filing for inspections and fire marshal reports. He will follow up with James Rupert before the November meeting.

The potential new memorial in front of the fire house was discussed. A silhouette of a firefighter and a concrete firefighter are possibilities. This project will be researched further now so that this project might begin in Spring 2019.

NEW BUSINESS – The time lines for the Capital Projects Budget were discussed briefly and are due mid November. The time lines for the Operating Budget are due by the end of December.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, November 26, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 8:35 (RL/JR) V.U.

Respectfully submitted,

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Board Clerk

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