

**BOLTON FIRE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019
BOLTON FIRE HOUSE
AGENDA**

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Motion to approve minutes from December 17,2018 meeting (JM/RL)V.U. Motion to approve minutes from January 28, 2019 meeting (JM/CU) V.U.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Bills that were paid in January were circulated.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHIEF

- The Bolton Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) responded to 30 calls during the month of February. These calls included two structure fires, four motor vehicle accidents, 6 calls on Monday for wires down from high winds.
- The budget has been submitted to the town for 2019-2020. A Fire Commission budget will be discussed at the Board of Selectmen’s meeting on Tuesday, February 26, 2017 from 7:00 to 7:20 p.m. at the Town Hall. The Fire Marshal’s budget will be discussed from 7:20 to 7:40 p.m.
- Agreement between the Bolton Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. and the Town of Bolton CT has been finalized.
- The job description for the Fire Marshal was discussed.
- The three year program for the Officers was discussed. Steve Maroney was promoted to Captain and John DeMorro was promoted from Fire Police to Lt. .

FIRE MARSHAL’S REPORT

- During the last month Tolland County Fire Marshals sent several county poster contest winners to the State level for judging and inclusion into the next calendar. There were no finalists from Bolton.

- Fire Marshal Rupert conducted a site visit to Keeney Drive after a chimney fire which has resulted in some verbal recommendations that will be followed with the same in writing.
- Fire Marshal Rupert attended the meeting of the WCFMA in Chaplin earlier this month where training and pending legislation was discussed. There is concern that the bill legalizing fireworks may come back to life during this legislative session.
- Other pending legislation that is being monitored is as follows.
 - HB 5454 to reduce BO and Fire Marshal training hours from 90 every three years to 50
 - HB 5660 to require all buildings using trusses to have an identifying placard
 - HB 6385 to allow municipal fire departments to train fire inspectors and fire marshals
 - HB 6391 to permit BO and Fire Marshal to contract with qualified inspectors for the performance of any portion of an inspection required by State law
- All common portions of the structure at 890 Boston Turnpike have been inspected. Fire Marshal Rupert will begin the inspections for the individual dwelling units next and follow up with a notice to abate conditions that negatively impact safety per the Fire Code.
- Received plans for commercial renovations at 25 West Street and met with the owner and design professional regarding the design of fire separations.
- Fire Marshal Rupert met with a representative of Millennium Builders who will conduct demolition and construction activities for an addition to the Town Garage. We discussed the permitting and review process.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, March 25, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:34 p.m. (CU/CM) C.U.

Respectfully submitted

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