

**BOLTON FIRE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2019  
BOLTON FIRE HOUSE**

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 was Deputy Fire Chief Pete Morra.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – Motion to approve minutes from February 25, 2019 meeting (JR/RL) V.U.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS** – Bills that were paid in February were circulated.

**CORRESPONDENCE** - None

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHIEF**

- The Bolton Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) responded to 45 emergency calls since the last Fire Commissioner meeting. The BVFD's response included several motor vehicle accidents, wires and tree calls, an appliance fire, a LPG emergency at the Bolton Ice Palace, unauthorized brush/wood pile burn, mutual aid to Manchester and many medical calls. To date the BVFD responded to 120 emergency calls.
- This past month training continued on EMS response and required on scene paperwork. The BVFD conducted a large scale hands on SCBA drill that included search and rescue tactics while looking for victims in a smoke filled atmosphere. The BVFD hosted a DEEP Wildfire drill at the Bolton High School that drew firefighters from all across the state.
- Joyce Stille, administrative officer, interviewed Chief Dixon on the CVC television show on March 5, 2019 which can be viewed on line. Many subjects concerning the BVFD were discussed. Chief Dixon also took the time to acknowledge and thank Ms. Stille for thirty years with the BVFD.
- John DeMorro and Michael Eremita have been promoted to the position of Lieutenant.
- The 2019-2020 budget is in review by the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance. A large portion of the current year budget will be spend in the next month on annual inspections and testing of all apparatus, hose and ladders. 35 SCBA bottles have to be hydro tested since it has been five years since the BVFD received the grant.
- Chief Dixon attended a meeting of the CT Fire Chiefs Association which was held in Glastonbury. Also attended a meeting at the State Capital Legislative Office Building, the Eastern CT Fire School, at ECHN with the Emergency staff and local Chiefs, and a Region 3 EMS meeting with all head of staff including Fire and EMS officials.
- Chief Dixon, Deputy Chief Morra and Municipal Representative Morianos attended the TCMAFC meeting in Somers last week.

## **FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT**

During the last month Fire Marshal activities have included the following

- Inspections for the filling station renovations at 1135 Boston Turnpike.
- Plan reviews for renovations to the commercial structure at 25 West Street.
- Participation in poster judging at the county level.
- Attended the monthly meeting of the WCFM association at the Hampton Fire Department.
- Continue to monitor bills that could affect Fire Department and Fire Marshal. Currently the fireworks bill seems to be dead. The bill that would have reduced required training for recertification of Fire Marshal from 90 hours to 50 hours every three years seems to have also lost traction.
- Conducted a fire investigation for the fire which occurred at 180 Boston Turnpike.
- 180 Boston Turnpike does not appear to have ever been on the radar for inspections but should be since it is a three family residence. There are several issues which must be addressed. Attended a meeting with the representative of the owner to discuss these matters and will be conducting a full inspection this month.
- Dealt with an unattended non permit burn at 55 Hebron Road with the assistance of BVFD.
- Attended Fire Marshal training at Eagleville Fire Department regarding fueling stations and tanks.
- Continue to work on the inspection at 890 Boston Turnpike. Currently inspecting individual units, anticipate completing in the next two weeks.
- While the main focus will continue to be residential occupancies we will fill in some of the spaces in between with other occupancies.
- Joyce Stille and Jim Rupert had a brief discussion about Deputy Fire Marshal's hours and expectations and will be having a follow up discussion prior to reappointment in June 2019.
- Fire Marshal communicated with Joyce Stille about the inspection module and will be putting in a purchase order.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS** – Deputy Chief Morra discussed the next Bolton Road Race. He asked the Fire Commission members for more volunteers. Training and gear will be provided.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, April 22, 2019.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:14 p.m. (JM/CU) V.U.

Respectfully submitted

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