

BOLTON FIRE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020
MINUTES

VIA ZOOM PLATFORM – 7:00 P.M.

Phone Number: 1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 844 8425 3437

Fire Commission member John Morianos convened the Bolton Fire Commission meeting at 7:02 P.M. Please note that this was a meeting held via ZOOM due to the uptick in the COVID virus in our area.

Commission members present were Cheryl Udin, Robert Langton and John Roback. Fire Chief Bruce Dixon and Deputy Fire Marshal Bill Call were in attendance. Absent was Chris Moquin and Fire Marshal James Rupert.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Motion to approve minutes from November 23, 2020 meeting (CU/RL) V.U.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – November bills were discussed.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHIEF

- The Bolton Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) responded to 41 emergencies over the last month. This included several motor vehicle accidents, mutual aid request for a structure fire, a search and rescue in Gay City State Park and multiple medical calls that including two CPR's.
- Chief Dixon has been working on the 2021-2022 budget. An advance copy of the new budget include increases due to a software package that has to be upgraded due to the manufacturer discontinuing our current NFIRS software, and COVID expenses for PPE. He will be forwarding to the Fire Commission members the final draft prior to sending it to the Town administrative officer in late December 2020.
- Training this month has now taken on the virtual look due to the increase in COVID-19 cases. Medical training and traffic incident management were presented by our in house instructors. We also have one person finishing up the Firefighter 1 class, three members almost finished their Firefighter II certification and three members just completed their Fire Instructor 1 class, all at the Eastern CT Fire School in Willimantic.

- The BVFD participated in the CSP Toy Drive at the fire house. The Woman's Auxiliary, Senior Center, and Recreation Department all assisted in one of the best collections of toys and cash in the nine year history of the drive in Bolton. Great news for the children.
- Chief Dixon wished the commissioner members and their families a very happy and healthy holiday.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

Deputy Fire Marshal Bill Call reported the following activities took place in November: No fire investigations, Fire Marshal James Ruppert was called to assist the Bolton Volunteer Fire Department at a CO incident.

Discussion in reference to apartment inspections and COVID-19 and fire inspection checklist updated and modified.

Inspections since last meeting included Simonize, multiple re-inspections with businesses that initially failed, Bolton Mobile and Bolton Kennels.

Deputy Fire Marshal Bill Call stopped into multiple businesses to request inspections.

OLD BUSINESS – Chief Dixon discussed the 2021-2022 Budget in detail.

NEW BUSINESS – Motion to approve the 2021 meeting dates (CU/JR) see attached.

Next meeting scheduled for January 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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