

BOLTON FIRE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 26, 2021  
BOLTON FIRE HOUSE – 7:00 P.M.  
AND VIA ZOOM

Fire Commission Chairman John Morianos convened the Bolton Fire Commission meeting at 7:15 P.M. at the Bolton Fire House and via Zoom.

Commission members present were Chris Moquin, Robert Langton and Elizabeth Malone. Fire Chief Bruce Dixon and Deputy Fire Chief Mike Emerita were also in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Motion to approve minutes from June 28, 2021 (RL/JM) V.U.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – June bills were circulated and discussed.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHIEF

- The Bolton Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) responded to 48 emergencies over the last month. There were four motor vehicle accidents, two fires including oxygen and a lighting strike, multiple medical calls, and many service calls with trees down and basement water emergencies.
- Chief Dixon is finalizing the 2020 – 2021 budget. With the assistance of the interim Administrator and the First Selectman, the Fire Commission/BVFD budget is closing out as it was intended to. We are looking forward to the potential of having the budget “go live” to monitor and enter data into the system so that all parties work off of the same platform.
- The new Service truck has been relocated to Purcellville, VA to have a special compartment system installed. A majority of the emergency radios and lights have been installed. The vehicle should be completed in VA in two to three weeks and then it will go to the graphics shop.
- The 28 year old ET334 has had a remanufactured diesel engine installed since the catastrophic failure two months ago. This engine is running very well at this time. We are in conversation with one of our vendors on a pump test that has been recommended after the last repair.
- Rescue 134 had a battery of tests done on it, looking into the cooling system. Three problems were found and corrected. We will continue to monitor the engine.
- The new twenty foot trailer has been ordered with an expected delivery of approximate ten month.

- We have started planning the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for 9-11. Jim Aldrich has made a number of contacts to date. The town and school system is co-sponsoring the event again this year.

#### Fire Marshal Report

- Fire Marshal Jim Rupert reported that a mutual aid Fire Marshal assisted and investigated a lightning strike on Vernon Road when FM134 was out of state. Chief Dixon also called the Building Official into the scene. The final report on that incident has now been recorded in the Fire Marshal's Office.
- DFM Call has been off line due to medical leave and is expected back to work on August 1, 2021.

#### OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS – Chief Dixon introduced Elizabeth Malone as a new member of the Bolton Fire Commission. Elizabeth has been a member of the BVFD since 2015. As an active member in the department, she has attained many certifications to include Firefighter II, Haz Mat Operations and Emergency Medical Technician. She is an engineer on one of the apparatus. She was sworn in at town hall today.

ELECTION OF OFFICES – Motion to elect the following as officers of the Bolton Fire Commission:

John Morianos as Chairman, Robert Langton as Secretary and Elizabeth Malone as Treasurer (CM/RL) VU.

Chris Moquin asked if the Town of Bolton was going to be receiving any federal funds. Mike Eremita explained that we would be receiving funds however it had to be spend on an info-structure and could not be used to reduce the town budget. He used the example of extending the sewer lines to extend city water into the town of Coventry.

Next meeting scheduled for September 27, 2021. No meeting schedule for august 2021.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn at 7:50 (RL/CU) V.U.

Respectfully submitted,

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