

BOLTON FIRE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021
VIA ZOOM PLATFORM – 7:00 P.M.

Fire Commission Chairman John Morianos convened the Bolton Fire Commission meeting at 7:00 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, John Roback and Chris Moquin. Fire Chief Bruce Dixon, Fire Marshal James Rupert and Deputy Fire Marshal Bill Call were in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Motion to approve minutes from December 14, 2020 meeting (JR/RL) V.U. and minutes from January 25, 2021 meeting (CU/CM) V.U.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – January bills were discussed.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHIEF

- The Bolton Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) responded to 36 emergencies over the last month, which included four motor vehicle accidents in which two involved fatal injuries on Route 6, two mutual aid request for a structure fire, multiple medical calls and one cardiac arrest.
- Chief Dixon presented the proposed budget to the Board of Selectmen earlier this month, noting new software is needed to file the NFIRS reports with the government.
- Chief Dixon is working with Deputy Fire Chief Michael Emerita and Chief Engineer to coordinate the annual service, DOT inspections and pump testing that is necessary for all large fire apparatus. This time of year the department spends most of its budget on maintenance.
- Chief Dixon and town Administrative Officer Joshua Kelly have been working together to set in place a new life insurance policy and improved A&D policy for the members of the department.
- The BVFD has submitted a grant request to FEMA, Assistance to Firefighters Grant, for an upgraded radio system. Deputy Chief Emerita has spent countless hours in preparation tracking down all required data, writing and submitted the grant on time. We will not hear back until sometime in the fall of 2021 whether we are granted our request after a very detailed evaluation.
- The Service Truck Committee is finalizing plans for the insert for the new service truck that should be delivered in a few weeks. At that time, the truck will be sent out for radios, lights, bed insert and graphics. We hope to have it in service in early summer.

- ET334 truck replacement committee has looked at several new apparatus and has written some preliminary specifications. ET334 is 28 years old. Another manufacturer is bringing a truck to the firehouse this Wednesday. Chief Dixon has requested that final specifications be submitted to him no later than June 1, 2021.
- Eversource came through on a promise to Chief Dixon and have installed two 45 ft telephone poles, cross arms, and multiple wires in our training area. Chief Dixon sent a thank you letter to management at Eversource.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

- Deputy Fire Marshal Bill Call continues to do inspections around town. Although they are limited due to Covid-19 the majority of business owners are being receptive to the inspections and recommendations.
- At the request of Chairman John Morianos at the January meeting, Deputy Fire Marshal provided Fire Commission members with a report of the inspections that have been done to date.
- Fire Marshal James Ruppert is pleased with the progress Deputy Fire Marshal Call is making with the inspections in town.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

Next meeting scheduled for March 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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