

BOLTON FIRE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2022  
BOLTON FIRE HOUSE – 7:00 P.M.  
AND VIA ZOOM

Fire Commission member Robert Langton convened the Bolton Fire Commission meeting at 7:00 P.M. at the Bolton Fire House and via Zoom.

Commission members present were Elizabeth Malone and Robert Langton. Also present were Fire Chief Bruce Dixon and Deputy Fire Marshal Bill Call. Chris Moquin, Daniel Moquin and Fire Marshal James Rupert attended via Zoom. John Morianos was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Motion to approve minutes from February 28, 2022 minutes. (RL/EM)  
V.U.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – None

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHIEF

- 44 emergency calls since the last meeting. Several motor vehicle accidents, one structure fire, CPR and a van fire.
- The Bolton Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) helped with traffic and EMS coverage for the Bolton Road Race.
- The BVFD is working with Hometown Firefighters Insurance to continue our policy for life insurance and A&D benefits.
- Truck 134 and ET334 have had their annual DOT inspections, pump tests and some maintenance issues addressed. We are scheduling Rescue 134 and Tanker 234 in the next month for their annual inspections. Hose and ladder testing has been postponed for another month or so.
- The trailer for hose has been painted that includes a nice cross lay hose bed has been built by Mike Eremita. At this time we are waiting for the highway garage to do a tire, wheel bearing, and required lighting check before putting it in service.
- The Selectmen requested a cut in our budget before going to the Board of Finance. The Chairman of the Fire Commission, Deputy Chief and Chief Dixon agreed to cut the number of SCBA bottle replacement purchase and some payroll at this time.
- Forestry Truck – Purchased with \$120,000 grant and will be here in approximately 6 weeks. The old Forestry was a gift to the BVFD many years ago by Simonize. When new truck arrives, the old truck cannot be used as a fire apparatus. Jim Rupert will research where to sell this vehicle.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

## FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT -

- Van Fire – caused by a mouse nest with no permanent damage. Fire was put out by resident state trooper and homeowner before the BVFD arrived.
- Structure fire on Maple Valley Road – caused by fire in trash can. It was not determined what the cause of the fire was. The fire went from the trash can to the vinyl siding of the house. No structural damage. The homeowner put the fire out with a garden hose. After an investigation, it was determined that it was not an electrical fire.

Deputy Fire Marshal Report – The following activities took place since the last meeting:

- 2 CEU classes
- Drop off and explain State Fire Marshal document and warning in storing petroleum in unapproved containers to the two gas stations.
- ESO included: Knox boxes added for maintenance, more property records added with pictures, all issued permits are tracked and inspections are now live – sample reports.
- 2 plan reviews

Inspections since last meeting:

- Bolton fire station
- Public Works Department and Parks buildings
- Bolton Library
- Herrick Park – all town buildings complete
- CO inspection and yearly inspection completed at 166 Boston Turnpike
- 2 burn permits issued and inspected
- Liquor permit and fire safety inspection Parkside Pizza

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – Robert Langton thanked Jim Rupert for sending Chief Dixon, who in turn forwarded the email to the commission members a note regarding the dedication and time that Chief Dixon and the BVFD members spend away from family and friends. Many times the members will have several calls at the same time or several calls in a row. Jim mentioned how much he appreciated the service to the community.

Next meeting scheduled for April 25, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. (EM/RL) V.U.

Respectfully submitted,

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