

BOLTON FIRE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2022
BOLTON FIRE HOUSE – 7:00 P.M.
AND VIA ZOOM

Fire Commission chairman John Morianos convened the Bolton Fire Commission meeting at 7:00 P.M. at the Bolton Fire House and via Zoom.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – Bills that were paid in May were discussed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Motion to approve minutes from May 25, 2022 minutes. (CM/EM) V.U.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – None

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHIEF

- The Bolton Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) responded to 42 emergencies over the last month. There were many EMS calls, one MVA on I-384, Smoke investigation on Tolland Road that was potentially a campfire and a tree and wires down on Brookfield that resulted in two fires at separate homes. Also assisted MFRE at an abandoned paper mill plus four cover assignments. The BVFD attended Friday night and Saturday of the Strawberry Festival at Fish Farm.
- The BVFD was proud to march and have apparatus in the Memorial Day Parade. The BVFD took responsibility for ordering and installation of the American Flags and 300th Anniversary Flags on the poles throughout the center of town. The funds for purchasing the flags came out of the 300th Anniversary Committee.
- The BVFD did several transfers in the budget this month to purchase some items that were identified in the budget process and discussed with the Officers. To their credit, John Morianos, the Fire Commission Chair and Liz Malone, the Treasurer, have been involved with all the major events and significant purchases this year. As the budget year 2021-2022 closes in a week, we were able to accomplish our maintenance, equipment, and safety goals. With another budget vote on June 21, and potential budget cuts, it will no doubt be a challenging year for the fire department in 2022–2023.
- Service 134 has had all lighting and compartment work completed by J&S Radio.
- Forestry 134 has arrived from the dealer and is currently at J&S Radio for radio and lighting installations. Special off road tires will be installed in mid-July. The fire pump and tank should arrive in August – September.
- Marine 134 has had emergency lighting and a mobile radio installed last week. At a training drill this past Monday night on Bolton Lake, all systems worked very well.

- There is no word on a date for the engineering conference for ET134 yet.
- The Firefighter Memorial Garden dedication ceremony was held on June 11, 2022. The event was attended by more than eighty people.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

FIRE MARSHAL’S REPORT –

James Rupert discussed the Strawberry Festival and the difference between a profit event and a non-profit event. If an event is a profit, town people that work it are paid and are not volunteers. The Board of Selectmen are working on a new fee schedule.

DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL’S REPORT –

Inspections since last meeting:

- Bolton Congregational Church
- 666 Boston Turnpike unit C, re-inspection
- Gas piping new Mobil station
- Strawberry Festiva Friday and Saturday

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – Robert Langton commented that heard a lot of town’s people talking about the flags on the poles and how nice they looked.

Chief Dixon commented on how many people attended the Garden Memorial and how nice it was to see so many residents attend.

Next meeting scheduled for July 25, 2022.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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