

BOLTON FIRE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023
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.

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

Safety Officer Peter Morra asked for the floor to present an update on the Standard Operating Guidelines that the committee has been working on weekly for some time. Progress is going very well with a completion date getting very close.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion to approved February 27, 2023 meeting minutes. (CM/RL. VU.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Bills are current and will be circulated at the next meeting.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHIEF

- 60 emergency calls since the last meeting: 3 motor vehicle accidents, 4 wires/tree calls, 2 cover assignments, mutual aid to Vernon for an appliance fire and Hebron for a working chimney fire.
- Apparatus serviced year to date: ET334, Truck 134, Tanker 234, Service 34, 134, 234. Rescue is going for service in May.
- Budget is on target so far.
- ET134 progress, we have met several times with Firematic management, in addition to a number of correspondences back and forth. The factory is still looking at late August for a completion date.
- The department SOG committee is making very good progress on rewriting and editing the final details for all of our SOGs. I am hoping to have these completed by this summer.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

- Jim mentioned that the budgets have been sent to the Board of Finance from Board of Selectmen. The BOS did not make any cuts, however the Board of Finance may make cuts as this is a difficult year for all budgets.

An abatement order has been sent to the landlord at 890 Boston Turnpike. This was the result of Bill Call making numerous calls there and orders not being corrected with the timeframe. Bob Langton questioned if the landlord could be fined if items are not corrected. Jim mentioned that he and Bill attended a class on Abatement Orders many years ago. He would have to research about fines.

- Jim thanked Bill for going to a call in the middle of the night at Cider Mill Road.

DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

Activities:

- 1- Re-key All Town Buildings - Knox Box
- 2- 1 Certified on-line class
- 3- ESO inspection records
- 4- 1 Fire Investigation – Lake Street and Cider Mill
- 5- CRFMA meeting in Glastonbury
- 6- CT Fire Prevention Poster Recognition awards luncheon March 29, 2023 in East Hartford
- 7- NFPA Link in use Fire Marshal's Office

Inspections since last meeting:

- 1- 890 Boston Turnpike – 5 inspections
- 2- Volpi Road Group Home
- 3- 3 Burn Permits and inspections
- 4- Boston Turnpike Dog Kennels – Propane Tank install 2 inspections

OLD BUSINESS – Chris questioned the process of the Fire Chief's job description. Chief Dixon mentioned that the committee is still working on it and hope to have it completed before the May meeting.

NEW BUSINESS – Chief Dixon discussed the details of ET134. Pierce will be working on the graphics/lettering next and the Chief is hoping to see a CAD/Graphics proof soon.

Chief Dixon mentioned that Jim had applied for a grant to do a study on the future of the fire service with the hopes of not impacting the budgets.

Janet Assard, board clerk, was asked to research the term expiration dates of members. They are as follows from the town website and will be discussed at the April meeting.

- Robert Langton
 - Term Expires: July 1, 2024

- Elizabeth M. Malone
 - Term Expires: July 1, 2026

- John J. Morianos Jr. - Chair
 - Term Expires: July 1, 2023

- Christopher A. Moquin
 - Term Expires: July 1, 2027

- Daniel Tyler Moquin
 - Term Expires: July 1, 2026

John Morianos's term will be discussed at the April meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for April 24, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn at 7:22 pm (CM/RL) VU

Respectfully submitted,

Janet K. Assard

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