

BOLTON FIRE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2023  
BOLTON FIRE HOUSE – 7:00 P.M.  
AND VIA ZOOM

Fire Commission chairman John Morianos convened the Bolton Fire Commission meeting at 7:02 P.M. at the Bolton Fire House.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion to approved December 12, 2022 meeting minutes. RL/EM. VU.

Motion to approve January 23, 2023 meeting minutes. EM/RL.VU

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Bills were circulated.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHIEF

- It was a busy month with 61 calls including 7 motor vehicle accidents, two brush fires, one structure fire, mutual aid and 3 calls for trees on wires and down trees.
- Chief Dixon presented the Bolton Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) budget to the Board of Selectmen. He thanked John, Chris and Bob for attending the meeting. As of now he has not heard about any cuts to the budgets.
- ET134 – The committee members were going to have a Zoom meeting with Pierce. The Zoom meeting saved taxpayers approximately \$1,000 per person in flights. An inhouse meeting with Firematic is now planned.
- The Chief posted the list of BVFD members that will be able to participate in the voting for the Fire Chief and Deputy Chief in May. This list is based upon the number of calls, drills, and monthly meeting attended during a 12 month time period.
- The BVFD received a Greater Hartford Bolton grant in the amount of \$6,676. The funds will be used for firefighter ladders belts and a roof prop in the training area behind the firehouse.
- 13 Knox Boxes for residents have been installed as Deputy Fire Marshal Call mentioned in his report. There is also a new version of the Knox Box for the apparatus's which requires a key.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

- Jim mentioned that the Board of Selectmen have the BVFD and Fire Marshal's Budgets. The Board of Selectmen has begun to make cuts to other budgets. Although there are not cuts

yet to the BVFD and Marshal's budgets at this time, he does anticipate that there will be cuts to our budget as well as all budgets, as this is a very challenging years.

## DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

### Activities:

- 1- Senior Knox Box Installation – all 13 in service
- 2- Poster Contest Duties
- 3- 2 Burn Permits
- 4- Poster presentation at the fire house
- 5- Fire Marshal presentation at the fire house including CT State Police Accelerant Dog
- 6- CRFMA meeting in Windsor
- 7- CT Fire Prevention Poster Recognition awards luncheon March 29, 2023 in East Hartford

### Inspections since last meeting:

- 1- 890 Boston Turnpike – 2 Saturdays (Working on contacting 11 tenants for inspection)
- 2- Boiler install with ABO Heckman
- 3- 10,12,14 Carpenter Road apartments
- 4- 180 Boston Turnpike CO inspection and re-inspection
- 5- 890 Boston Turnpike penetration and fire alarm inspection
- 6- Day of event inspection for Winter fest
- 7- Electrical service down at Volpi Road Group Home with ABO and Chief

OLD BUSINESS – Chief Dixon mentioned that the Fire Chief's job description was distributed and discussed a year ago. The team which included Peter Morra, Mike Eremeta, Elizabeth Malone and Pam Parsons have been working on the job descriptions for the Chief and other officers. Several changes to the Fire Chief's job description were discussed. Chris mentioned that experience is very important. John mentioned minimum years of experience. Elizabeth will make several changes and it will be distributed at the March meeting.

NEW BUSINESS – Chris Moquin asked about the status of the position that may be created through a SAFER grant. Jim presented this to the Personnel Sub-Committee of the Board of Selectmen. Jim would like to know what our needs are and do more research as to the specifics of our needs and create a master plan. Danny Moquin and Robert Langton expressed concern that these position are a need that we should be addressed now rather than later. Jim thought that we putting the horse before the cart. The SAFER Grant deadline is March 17, 2023.

Next meeting scheduled for March 27, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn at 7:46 pm (CM/RL) VU

Respectfully submitted,

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