

Bolton Fire Commission

Regular Meeting

Monday, May 20th, 2024

Bolton Fire House- 7:00 and via Zoom

Fire Commission Chairman John Morianos convened the Bolton Fire Commission meeting at 7:00 PM at the Bolton Fire House.

Commission members present were John Morianos, Chris Moquin, Bob Langton and Liz Malone, and Danny Moquin (via Zoom). Also present was Chief Bruce Dixon, Deputy Fire Marshall Bill Call.

Public Comment- None

Correspondence- None

Approval of Minutes- Motion to approve the April 24th meeting minutes. (CM/BL).

Payment of Bills- Bills that were paid in April were circulated. Chief explained that some expenses were not expected. (see below). Chairman Morianos suggested we look at raising next year's maintenance budget due to rising expenses of repairing older trucks.

Communication from the Chief:

-38 calls since last meeting. Recent spike of motor vehicle accidents, as we have had six vehicle accidents (since last meeting) including motorcycle fatality on West Street. Also discussed brush fire in Bolton Notch.

-Budget: Start of May down to 2.9% of budget left. We have had some larger maintenance expenses that were not expected. One example is the Rescue Truck- current \$5000 bill could increase to \$15,000.

-Live Burn drill scheduled for 5/22 at Eastern Conn Fire School. (Leave 6 PM).

-Chief Dixon voted in as Chief by BVFD. After discussion with Town and Fire Dept Members, he is willing to do it for one more year.

Fire Marshal's Report:

Fire Marshall Call discussed the step collapse at 890 Boston Turnpike Apartments. This will need to be fixed in order to meet code, and it will be expensive to replace. (Person fell on fire

escape stairs). In past, it had been approved, but the welds have rusted. Owner has 30 days to comply.

-Discussed access to Bolton Notch Park, since there was issue with access road in the woods due to recent brush fire. (One of the dirt trails has jersey barrier). Looking into who is responsible for this.

-Complaint over items in fire lane at England Hardware. (Pallets in fire lane). Investigation showed adequate room.

-Issued 2 burn permits past month.

-Discussed 7 Loomis Road. 65+ older apartment complex. There will be a Knox box that will have a master key for all apartments.

-June 5th, during employee lunch, there will be a fire extinguisher training for town employees (excl BOE).

Old Business- None

New Business- None

Adjournment- Motion to adjourn at 7:35 pm (CM/LM).

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Langton

** Note- Bob Langton took notes for Janet Assard.