

BOLTON FIRE COMMISSION
JANAURY 23, 2012

Chairwoman Cheryl Udin convened the Bolton Fire Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the firehouse. Commission members present were Richard Metcalf, John Morianos and Derek Green. Christopher Moquin was absent

Also present was Chief James R. Preuss and Fire Marshal Raymond Walker.

PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion to approve the December 19, 2011 draft minutes (RM/JM) V.U.

PAYMENT OF BILL – The bills that were paid in January were circulated.

CORRESPONDENCE – None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHIEF

- Calls – The department has been very busy with many calls including numerous motor vehicle accidents that involve Lifestar.
- Rescue Truck –No further information.
- Thermal Imaging Camera – One is being repaired. Another camera has been put into the capital budget.
- Fire Department Budget – The Capital Improvement Form has been submitted to the Board of Selectman which was prepared by the Chief. It was discussed in detail.

FIRE MARSHAL’S REPORT

Monthly Significant Activity Included:

- ❖ Final document review and resolution of punch list items continues at Bolton High School.
- ❖ Five inspections and related plan and document reviews have been done including two residential, one educational, one mercantile and one business use(s). The Fire Marshal’s Office also assisted the Fire Department regarding a fire call at 79 Hatfield Road in Bolton.
- ❖ The 35 Rocco Road fire is now being followed up on by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission as it develops legislation re flammable furnishings.
- ❖ Local efforts on the poster contest have been completed and the winning posters forwarded to the county/state level.

Current Activity:

- ❖ There has been some initial dialogue with the First Selectman and the Public Safety Subcommittee regarding changes to the town's water supply for fire protection requirements. The position of the FMO is:

The Fire Chief must be an active participant in the discussion.

- ❖ Any changes would have to be based on sound and recognized fire protection engineering principles, and
- ❖ If the purpose of change is to reduce the cost of development then all regulations and processes that impact development need to be on the table.

Upcoming Activity:

- ❖ Budget review will continue.
- ❖ Deputy Fire Marshal Volkert is working on a public education program to be submitted to Vision 20/20 for possible presentation at their 2012 national conference.

OLD BUSINESS – A 50” Panasonic television has been installed with the funds from the Women’s Auxiliary.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

ADJOURNMENT – At 8:15 P.M. (CU/JM) V.U.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet K. Assard

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