

BOLTON FIRE COMMISSION
MAY 21, 2012

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion to approve the April 23, 2012 draft minutes (JM/DG) V.U.

PAYMENT OF BILL – The bills that were paid in the last month were circulated and discussed.

CORRESPONDENCE – None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHIEF

- ET 234 – The vehicle is being serviced at the present time. It needs repairs in several areas however due to cost the only item being fixed are the brakes. The brakes will be \$2,000 that does not include the Department of Transportation inspection and pump testing. Every year for the past four years the town has spend several thousand dollars to keep this truck in service. Gowens Knight is doing the repairs.
- May 23, 2012 – Career Day at Bolton Elementary School – Lt. Paul Philopena will be speaking about being a firefighter and paramedic. He will also bring the ladder truck for a demonstration.
- Memorial Day Parade - The Bolton Volunteer Fire Department members will march in the parade, on Monday, May 29, 2012. The parade begins at the Bolton School on Notch Road and proceeds to the Bolton Green where a ceremony is held.
- Fiberoptics – The trench has been dug and the conduit is in. The components have been installed in the storage room. This will enable fire departments to talk to each other in the event of an emergency. Eventually the phone lines will be installed. This will give the fire department faster more reliable internet and eventually telephone can be hooked into the fiber. John Butrymovich from the Parks Department will assist with the power so all of the wiring can be installed.
- Firefighter of the Year – Is voted on each year by the officers of the Bolton Volunteer Fire Department. This year Jennifer Baum was nominated and presented with a plaque at the annual dinner. This award goes to an individual that participates in many calls and goes above and beyond the call of duty on a daily basis.

- Fire Officer of the Year – This is a new award. This award went to a member of the department that has been active for 40 years. Again, this officer goes above beyond the call of duty on a daily basis. Peter Morra was presented with a pewter bugle which will have his name and 2012 engraved on it. He will keep the bugle at his home for a year and next year it will be presented to the recipient of the award and the bugle will be passed on each year. Each year the persons name and year will be engraved on the bugle.
- Truck 134 – This vehicle is participating in an aerial operator class next week.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

Monthly Significant Activity Included:

- Four inspections including: new commercial kitchen 228 Bolton Center Road, mercantile expansion and assembly renovations both at 299 Boston Turnpike and underground storage tank removal 25 Howard Road.
- Assisted researcher with due diligence regarding underground tanks at 3 Lyman Road.
- At the Bolton Fire Department annual meeting the Fire Marshal gave appreciation gifts, as a thank you, to those firefighters that participated in the October 2011 school fire prevention delivery programs. Retired Fire Marshal Rick Metcalf will receive his, for his help with the 2011 Poster Contest, at tonight's Commission meeting.

Current Activity:

The Fire Chief, Fire Marshal, and Lt. Bonn continue research on water supplies for firefighting.

Upcoming Activity:

The Fire Marshal's Office will be issuing to Deputy Fire Marshal's Laurie Volkert and Jim Rupert fire scene "go kits" that will facilitate their handling of any fire investigative work such as forensics or evidence collection. The kits are modeled after the concept of the kits issued to medical first responders.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

ADJOURNMENT – At 9:00 P.M. (RM/CM) V.U.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet K. Assard

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

