

BOLTON FIRE COMMISSION
JULY 23, 2012

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

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 May 21, 2012 draft minutes (CM/DG) V.U.

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

CORRESPONDENCE – The Agreement Between the Bolton Volunteer Fire Department and the Town of Bolton, Connecticut was circulated and signed by Chief Preuss and Chair, Cheryl Udin. A copy will be sent to the Selectmen's office at town hall.

A memo dated July 5, 2012 from Joyce Stille addressed to Chris Moquin, informing him that the Board of Selectmen re-appointed him as a member of the Fire Commission. His term will run to July 2, 2017.

A letter was received and read from the Colchester Hayward Volunteer Fire Company, Royce Knowles, Assistant Chief, thanking our department for their response to the mill fire on Sunday July 7 and 8, 2012.

A letter was received and read from the Town on Colchester, Connecticut, Gregg Schuster, First Selectman Town of Colchester, thanking the members of the Bolton Fire Department for responding to and assisting the Colchester Fire Department at the Norton Mill fire on Sunday, July 8th. The event required approximately 20 towns to respond in varying capacity.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHIEF

- Grant – The fire department has applied for the Assistant to Firefighter grant through FEMA. If we receive this grant it will be used to purchase 20 Scott air packs. The air packs the department currently has are old and do not have the safety systems the newer packs have. The grant was very well written by Lieutenant Dale Bonn who spent many hours writing the grant. The grant is for \$128,000. If we receive this grant the town will be required to contribute 5% of the grant, which would be \$6,400.00. The First Selectman Robert Morra was notified about the grant. He said he would inform the rest of the Board of Selectman and he did not require any further action from the chief.
- Fiberoptics – The work continues to be done. The project should be completed by the fall. This will help to increase the speed of the internet at the firehouse.

- Budget – The 2011-2012 Fire Department budget was discussed. A robot was purchased. This is a very effective educational tool. It will be used for the Fire Prevention program. This is an excellent way to get the message to everyone in the community and young children about how important and serious safe fire prevention is for everyone.

The 2012-2013 Fire Department budget was discussed. The “I Am Responding Program” is still in the budget.

- July 6, 2012 motor home fire – There was a fire of a motor home which had parked at the Bolton Notch parking lot. Water was pumped from Bolton Lake. Aid was from Columbia and Andover Fire Departments.
- Ladder Truck - was out of service for its yearly maintenance at Firematics in Rocky Hill.
- Cross Country Race – The fire department will be providing coverage at the cross Country race at Bolton High School during the August Road Race.
- Rescue 134 – The chief, Truck Committee Chair Tom Galeota and Lieutenants Paul Philopena and Dale Bonn went out to Wisconsin to the Pierce Factory for a pre-build meeting. This meeting was to meet with the engineers involved in the build to go over specifications.

FIRE MARSHAL’S REPORT

June Significant Activity Included:

- Nine inspections including: new commercial kitchen 299 Boston Turnpike, place of assembly 124 Boston Turnpike., group home 86 Volpi Road, blasting (initial and follow up) 40 Luck’s Way, existing apartment 890 Boston Turnpike, educational 108 Notch Rd and 72 Brandy St, child day care 104 Notch Road.
- Attended the NFPA Annual Conf with a public educator scholarship covering lodging, registration and meals.
- Attended the IFMA Annual meeting; re-elected to Board of Directors

Current Activity:

- The Fire Chief, Fire Marshal, and Lt. Bonn continue research on water supplies for firefighting.
- Inspections and enforcement actions will continue at 890 Boston Tpke.

Upcoming Activity:

Planning and preparation for the Fall 2012 fire prevention program has begun. This year's annual theme will be “Have 2 Ways Out.”

July Monthly Significant Activity Included:

- Reviewed proposed vendor reports for ongoing sprinkler maintenance at Bolton High School to assist the school with long-term code compliance.
- Reviewed with Lt Bonn preliminary proposal for sprinkler protection at the Simonize plant.
- Investigated an RV fire at 667 Boston Turnpike on July 6, 2012.
- Assisted the Building Official at Bolton High School regarding punch list compliance issues.
- The Fire Marshal attended the TN County Meeting as the Bolton municipal representative on July 18, 2012.
- Inspected the dwelling at 55 Bolton Center Road for art show and open house of dwelling and grounds with the Building Official.

Current Activity:

- The Fire Chief, Fire Marshal, and Lt. Bonn continue research on water supplies for firefighting. This topic is tentatively to be on the August 15, 2012 Planning and Zoning agenda.
- The Fire Chief and Fire Marshal are working on improvements to the Bolton Knox Box Key system that will meet nationally recognized standards for key security.
- The Fire Marshal working with EMD Rupert and the Fire Chief regarding the State Hurricane Exercise to be held later this month.
- The Fire Marshal's Office has received, from the State Fire Marshal's Office, the 2012 DOT ERG's for distribution to the Fire Department.

Upcoming Activity:

- On July 6, 2012 the Fire Marshal will attend the NFPA northeast regional code meeting. This is an opportunity for local code official input into the NFPA code process.
- Planning and preparation for the Fall 2012 fire prevention program continues.”

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – Election of Officers – As requested in a memo dated June 26, 2012 from Susan M. DePold, Town Clerk, a motion to appoint the following officer for the Bolton Fire Commission: Chair – Cheryl Udin, Secretary – Derek Green, Treasurer – Cheryl Udin (CM/RM) V.U.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Janet K. Assard

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