

**BOLTON FIRE COMMISSION**  
**SEPTEMBER 24, 2012**

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion to approve the July 23, 2012 draft minutes (RM/CM) V.U.

**PAYMENT OF BILL** – The bills that were paid in July, August and September were circulated and discussed.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – None.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHIEF**

- Truck 134 – Is currently out of service.
- Hurricane Drill – A town-wide hurricane drill was conducted for two days. Participants were members of the fire department, Highway Department, Parks Department, Emergency Officer and Administrative Officer.
- Knox Box – 4 Knox Boxes will be installed in the fire department vehicles. The new boxes will be mounted in each truck and they meet national standards. These boxes hold a key to Bolton business.
- Rescue Truck – Continues to be built in Wisconsin.
- Steak Dinner – Is scheduled for Saturday, October 27, 2012 at the Bolton Fire House.
- GPS Units – several units have been purchased to assist the fire department with specific directions in Bolton and surrounding towns.
- Rescue Jacks – New jacks have been purchased.
- 9/11 Ceremony – A ceremony was held at the Bolton Gazebo. The Ladder Truck was displayed with a large flag which was borrowed from the Hebron Fire Department. Bagpipers played, color guards participated and many student volunteers from Bolton High School attended. Rev. Erickson conducted prayers. First Selectman Robert Morra, State Representative Pamela Sawyer and Congressman Steven Cassino attended. The event was attended by over 100 people.

## **FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT**

### **August Significant Activity Included:**

- ❖ Plan review and inspections related to a final "Certificate of Occupancy" continued at Bolton High School.
- ❖ With Chief Preuss and Lt. Bonn attended a meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the cistern regulations and a public proposal requesting alternatives for fire protection.
- ❖ With Chief Preuss and other town staff members met to plan for the Lutz Farm Day set for September 1, 2012.
- ❖ Responded with Fire Department to several false fire alarms.
- ❖ Fire Marshal Walker was an instructor at the National Fire Academy for a three state weekend program.

### **Current Activity:**

- ❖ The Fire Chief, Fire Marshal, and Lt. Bonn continue research on water supplies for firefighting. This topic is tentatively to again come before the Board of Selectmen in the near future.
- ❖ The Fire Chief and Fire Marshal continue working on improvements to the Bolton Knox Box Key system that will meet nationally recognized standards for key security.
- ❖ Deputy Fire Marshal Volkert has submitted an educational program to the National Fire Protection Assoc. (NFPA) for consideration to be presented at their annual conference in June of 2013 in Chicago.
- ❖ Fire Marshal Walker is working with the Chief and the Tolland Volunteer Fire Department regarding issues of water quality in Bolton Lake and its impact on the fire service.
- ❖ Fire Marshal Walker is working with the Fire Department committee to prepare an observance of 9/11.

### **Upcoming Activity:**

- ❖ Deputy Fire Marshal Volkert has been selected to attend a National Fire Academy course in fire safety and fire prevention this winter.
- ❖ Planning and preparation for the fall 2012 fire prevention program has begun. This year's national theme is "Have 2 Ways Out."

### **September Significant Activity Included:**

- ❖ Inspections of the kitchen renovations at the Congregational Church, a fire safety inspection at the HCAM School, and Lutz Farm Day set up inspections at the Fish Farm.
- ❖ Assisted the Fire Dept. with the 9-11 Memorial Service.
- ❖ Fire Marshal Walker attended the fall Board of Directors meeting of the International Fire Marshals Association.
- ❖ Fire Marshal Walker and a number of Fire Department officers and members participated in an all day safety standby at the Lutz Farm Day and handed out fire safety materials to several hundred families.

**Current Activity:**

- ❖ Preparations are underway for school fire prevention programs
- ❖ Final plans are under review for automatic fire alarms and preliminary plans for sprinklers at the Simonize facility.
- ❖ Preliminary plans are under review for a building expansion at Net Source, West Street, including the installation of a cistern.

**Upcoming Activity:**

- ❖ Resolution of code compliance issues at the Bolton Lake House are to be worked on.
- ❖ Delivery of school fire safety programs is expected to occur in mid October.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None.

**NEW BUSINESS** – None.

**ADJOURNMENT** – At 9:00 P.M. (JM/DG) V.U.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet K. Assard

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