

BOLTON FIRE COMMISSION
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015
MINUTES

Chairwoman Cheryl Udin convened the Bolton Fire Commission meeting at 7:05 p.m. at the firehouse. Commission members present were John Morianos and John Roback. Chief Dixon and Fire Marshal Raymond Walker were also present. Chris Moquin was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion to approve the April 27, 2015 minutes (JM/JR) VU.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Bills that were paid in April were circulated and discussed.

CORRESPONDENCE – None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHIEF

- 37 calls for the month, including a garage fire, porch fire and a structure fire in the Eight District in Manchester.
- Election results: Chief Bruce Dixon, Deputy Chief Peter Morra, President Donald Assard, Vice President Daniel Roback, Secretary Robert Langton and Treasurer Jim Aldrich.
- The Annual Dinner was held at A Villa Louisa in Bolton. There was very good attendance including the First Selectman and many area fire chiefs. Tyler Clark received the Firefighter of the Year award.
- The FEMA Grant SCOTT X3 air packs have been received. Members of the Fire Department were fit tested with new masks and factory trained with hands on training conducted by the Scott Regional Manager. A drill with several mutual aid towns using the same air packs will be held in mid-June.
- New fire hose was ordered. With this upcoming shipment, all hose dating back to the 1970, 1980, 1990 and early 2000 has been replace.
- All fire apparatus has been DOT tested. The pump tests have been completed and general service on all mobile equipment.
- Annual hose and ladder testing will be done in June.
- Several meetings with the First Selectman and the town's Administrative Officer to discuss the upcoming budget cuts, equipment purchases and several other future plans.
- Working with the officers and the Fire Commissioner's Chairperson to close out the budget for 2014–2015.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

Current Activities:

- Regular inspections were made including: 180 West Street for pre-final inspection, 1041 Boston Turnpike - final inspection following fire of January 2015, 890 Boston Turnpike complaint regarding egress concerns (unfounded) and building renovations at 222 Boston Turnpike.
- Fire Marshal Walker also investigated fires at 111 French Road (open burning), 344 West Street (motor vehicle in garage), 92 Volpi Road (outside mulch), 63 Country Club (structure fire) and assisted the Bolton Fire Department with administrative matters.

Upcoming Activities:

- On May 26, 2015 the Board of Education has scheduled a school evacuation and relocation drill.
- On May 28, 2015 Fire Marshal Walker will be an instructor at the States' Design and Trades Conference.
- In June Fire Marshal Walker will be attending the NFPA annual conference and will be co-chairing a program on future needs of fire prevention.

Recap of April Meeting & Fire Marshal's Report:

- Code updates still in progress.
- Fire Marshal's tenure and appointments, no immediate pending action; however to better position Bolton the Bolton Fire Marshal's Office will in FY 2015/2016 be developing a more measurable and traceable inspection program. For fiscal year 2016/2017 look to establish Fire Marshal's Office positions limited to inspector or investigator certifications.

OLD BUSINESS – Cheryl asked what the status was of the cameras for the firehouse. Chief Dixon reported that he continues to work on the installation.

NEW BUSINESS – The sign in front of the fire house is being re-done. This is a Bolton Eagle Scout's project.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. (JM/JR) VU.

Next Meeting scheduled for June 22, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet K. Assard

Board Clerk

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