

**BOLTON FIRE COMMISSION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2016
MINUTES**

Chairwoman Cheryl Udin convened the Bolton Fire Commission meeting at 7:15 p.m. at the firehouse. Commission members present were John Morianos, John Roback and Robert Langton. Chris Moquin was absent. Chief Dixon and Fire Marshal Raymond Walker were also present.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion to approve the September 26, 2016 minutes were approved with the following correction. Under CHIEF’S REPORT third bullet – ET 335 UTV 134 and 14 members attended the Lutz Museum Farm Day on September 3, 2016. *ET 335* should read *ET334*. (JR/RL) VU.

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

CORRESPONDENCE – Memo from Joyce Stille regarding the upcoming budgets. Budgets due December 27, 2016.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHIEF –

- Answered 36 emergency calls from so far in October.
- Had four motor vehicle accidents on Route 44 and Route 6. One of the accidents was a fatal accident involving four vehicles on Route 6. The fire department was on scene for seven hours working with Andover Fire Department, ASM, Life Star, the Connecticut State Police and the medical examiner’s office.
- Worked with the Eighth Utilities District with firefighting drills in Manchester in addition to our regular Monday night drills.
- Continue to work on search and rescue, ladders and hose work in a vacant office building. Last week had a very successful foam drill that was conducted by Shipman’s Fire Equipment. With our recent training with ECHN staff, we are now certified to administer Narcan.
- Sent two members to the Fire Academy’s Rescue Week taking classes in advanced vehicle extrication and EMS and extrication.
- ET 334 was taken down to Gowans Knight in Watertown, CT for some pump repairs. The annual pump test was done at the same time.
- The 75th Anniversary calendar sales continue.
- The 75th anniversary banquet will be held on November 5, 2016 at A Villa Louisa in Bolton. This event will include hors d’oeuvres, a plated dinner, dessert, a gift and a DJ for dancing. To date, we have 180 people signed up to attend.
- The new Tanker 234 Kenworth Chassis is being built in WA and is expected to arrive at the UST factory in Wisconsin early in November.

- Chief Dixon attended a school safety meeting at the Board of Education.
- The budget process continues. Chief Dixon started developing the 2017–2018 budget and capital projects that are due in December.

FIRE MARSHAL’S REPORT

Current Activities:

- Regular inspections and plan reviews continued including 201 Boston Turnpike storage arrays, 890 Boston Turnpike regarding site conditions and site development at 255 Hop River Road. Also a fire was investigated at 109 Birch Mountain Road (food in the oven).
- Fire Marshal Walker attended the School Safety Committee meeting.
- Fire Marshal Walker was a guest on the CVC with Joyce Stille and discussed fire safety and the fire department’s 75th anniversary.
- Fire Marshal Walker and fire fighter Tom Byrnes delivered fire prevention program at the YWCA and Hans Christian Anderson Montessori School child day care centers.
- Members of the Fire Department delivered fire prevention program at Bolton Center School and Bolton High School. The members at Bolton Center School included; Past Chief Jim Preuss Jr, Lt. Tyler Clark, Fire fighters James DeMorro, Mike Heffren, Max Nowak, Oliver Chandler, Elizabeth Malone. At Bolton High School included Chief’s Bruce Dixon and Pete Morra, Captain Chip White, Lts Mayland and Tyler Clark, Lt. Steve Maroney, Fire fighter Brent Welles and assisting was North Coventry Lt. Beth Goldsnider.
- Fire safety materials were made available for the public at town hall, the senior center and the library, as well as signage posted at the fire house and on the Green.
- Fire Marshal Walker attended the Texas Fire Marshals Conference and was a speaker at their banquet.
- Fire Marshal Walker participated in a conference call re the ongoing tall wood buildings project.

Upcoming Activities:

- During November and December the Fire Marshal’s Office will conclude the poster contest, continue inspections and draft a budget for FY 2017-18.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, November 14, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. (JR/JM) VU.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet H. Sward

Board Clerk

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