

**Colebrook Fire Department
Forge Company**

July 6, 2021

Present: Benjamin Bartlett, Chief, Todd Hiller, Deputy Chief, Steven Sartirana, Captain, Dan Butler, Bob Bull, Terry Phelan, Ralph Halzen, Maureen Bascetta, Bill Hiller, Elizabeth Norman, Chris Beaulieu, Sue McAllister, Evan Sartirana

Deputy Chief Hiller called the meeting to order at 19:02 hours. .

Reading and approval of minutes:

Secretary Elizabeth Norman presented the June monthly meeting minutes. With there being no discussion or amendments to the minutes, a motion was made by Terry Phelan to accept the minutes from the June meeting; seconded by Captain Steve Sartirana. The motion passed unanimously.

Deputy Chief Hiller made a motion to amend the agenda to postpone the Treasurer's Report. Terry Phelan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Report of Treasurer and bills for payment:

In the absence of Treasurer Rick Tillotson, the report was given by Deputy Chief Hiller. A report was given on a grant that was received from the Tiffany-Thompson Foundation for \$7,500. Terry Phelan made a motion to accept the report. Captain Sartirana seconded. The report was unanimously accepted. Deputy Chief Hiller will work with Secretary Elizabeth Norman on the

Communications, correspondence and notices:

The Scouts from Pack 1027 made a presentation to thank the Colebrook Forge Firehouse. The Western District of the Connecticut Rivers Council, Pack 1027 presented the Good Turn Award.

Deputy Chief Hiller reported on a thank you note that was received from Ms. Franklin at the Colebrook School for help in creating a safe environment for a campfire.

The Thomaston Fire Department sent a thank you letter for mutual aid that was given in June. Four firefighters from Colebrook Forge Department assisted.

Report of committees:

New Truck Committee: The committee did not meet during the last month.

Dinner Committee: The committee is coordinating to send out invitations. They have been given out to all present.

Admission of applications for new membership:

None

Old business:

Deputy Chief Hiller reiterated some items from the June meeting, including that the Knox box can be used to obtain keys as needed at night. Please refer to the June minutes for additional details.

The new gear order was put through a few days ago by Captain Sartirana. There will be a long wait (around 15 weeks) before it arrives due to delays with COVID. We fully spent the \$10K that was allocated. Chief Bartlett recommended that we look to see if EMS needs more equipment if any funds are left over.

New business:

Deputy Chief Hiller presented new business.

The Colebrook Fair is planned to be held in September.

The bridge on Sandy Brook is being redone and may have a higher weight limit.

The extrication drill will be on July 20th at 7 PM in Riverton. We will meet at the firehouse at 6:30 PM to travel there together.

Deputy Chief Hiller would like to do another Open House again in October.

Secretary Elizabeth Norman recommended a town clean up day with the Fire Department to help tackle some areas with heavy brush that have trash. Bill Hiller recommended involving the Lions Club. Evan recommended getting the Civil Air Patrol involved as well. A suggestion was made to involve the Scouts as well. Deputy Chief Hiller suggested that this would be good for visibility for the Fire Department.

For the good of the company:

A question came up about fireworks that will be held for Fire Departments later in August.

Deputy Chief Hiller reported that we got additional batteries so that they can be switched out more often.

Being no further business, a motion was made by Terry Phelan and seconded by Captain Sartirana to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 19:39 hours following the pledge of allegiance.

Respectfully submitted,

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