

**Colebrook Fire Department  
Forge Company**

**August 3, 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 19:05 hours. .

**Reading and approval of minutes:**

Secretary Elizabeth Norman presented the July monthly meeting minutes. Terry Phelan asked a question about the bridge weight limit and suggested an amendment to clarify that they are assigning a weight limit. With that amendment accepted, a motion was made by Terry Phelan to accept the minutes from the June meeting; seconded by Bill Hiller. 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.

**Communications, correspondence and notices:**

Deputy Chief Hiller noted that we received a letter for the 2022 fire academy. We could host or sponsor classes to help defray the costs.

**Report of committees:**

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

Dinner Committee: The dinner committee did not meet last month but plans to meet in August.

**Admission of applications for new membership:**

None

**Report of Treasurer and bills for payment:**

Treasurer Rick Tillotson presented the monthly company bills and account balances. With there being no discussion or amendments to the report, a motion was made by Terry Phelan to accept the report as read. Bill Hiller seconded. The report was unanimously accepted.

**Old business:**

Deputy Chief Hiller reported on the Colebrook Fair. Unfortunately there could not be a smoke trailer from Torrington. There was a suggestion made to do a bucket brigade similar to what was done for the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Colebrook. Evan Sartirana suggested using the house that Captain Sartirana made. Chief Ben Bartlett suggested showing off the new tools. Captain Sartirana offered to get a sign made from Vista Print showing off the new tools.

The extrication drill went really well. Thank you to everyone who attended. Riverton appreciated using our equipment. We worked on two cars and swapped out so that teams could practice using the rescue jacks as well as the jaws of life.

The Camp Jewell Fireworks will be on Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. Deputy Chief Hiller will bring the Engine 2 to the camp, and they will bring Engine 1 to the bridge. The start time is supposed to be around 9:15 PM.

The Colebrook Forge Fire Department participated in the East Hartland Parade. They had around 60 fire trucks and a large fireworks display.

### **New business:**

Deputy Chief Hiller presented new business.

He would like to do an Open House in October if the Delta variant allows. Litchfield County became a hot spot again as of today. The Open House is tentatively scheduled for October 2. (The Riverton Fair will be the weekend of October 8<sup>th</sup>, and the Colebrook Associates will tentatively have a fundraiser on October 16<sup>th</sup>.)

Chief Bartlett gave an update on the dinner on September 11<sup>th</sup>. It may be at the Coon Club, but if the variant escalates, we may need to move to the Fire House to allow for more air flow and safety (because the trucks will be moved out and the doors opened).

Chief Bartlett and Deputy Chief Hiller went to a meeting in Riverton. They want to do a big drill in the fall, but they may postpone it to the spring.

Deputy Chief Hiller gave a report on the app called Rover. It allows people to see where the different trucks are. The Officer on the scene can see who is on the way, so the Officer in charge knows what they are getting without a lot of back and forth. When the dispatch comes up, it will launch directions and give you turn by turn directions, in case you need guidance late at night. Terry Phelan has been testing the Rover app, and it goes off before his pager goes off. The app also works on Wi-Fi or cellular data. The dispatch has also picked up Zello. It is repeaterized through LCD. The way it works is LCD has two columns: some people can transmit and receive, and other people can just receive. There is also no delay with Zello; it is real-time.

Captain Sartirana had some questions for Chief Bartlett about the motorcycle dinner. Chief Bartlett clarified that it will be a Center Company event. He clarified that anyone from Forge is welcome at the Trail Riders' Dinner or the Steak and Bake. Terry Phelan said he would have liked to sign up.

Dan Butler brought up that he drove Engine 2 to the East Hartland Parade. He suggested that the front-end steering needed tightening. Captain Sartirana said the annual inspection is coming up soon.

Chief Bartlett and Deputy Chief Hiller are coordinating on annual hose testing with the company that does that.

Winsted's Carnival and Parade will be August 28<sup>th</sup>. Step off for the Parade will be at 6 PM. Deputy Chief Hiller will RSVP. Bob Bull will attend.

### **For the good of the company:**

Being no further business, a motion was made by Captain Sartirana and seconded by Terry Phelan to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 20:04 hours following the pledge of allegiance.

Respectfully submitted,

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