

**Colebrook Fire Department
Forge Company
Monthly Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2022**

Attendance: Dan Butler, Deputy Chief Todd Hiller, Captain Steve Sartirana, Evan Sartirana, Shawn Thibault, Chief Benjamin Bartlett, Elizabeth Norman, Tim Strahan, Maureen Bascetta, Bob Bull, Chris Beaulieu

Deputy Chief Todd Hiller called the regular monthly meeting of the Colebrook Fire Department Forge Company to order at 19:08 hours.

Reading and approval of minutes:

Secretary Elizabeth Norman presented the minutes from the October meeting. With there being no discussion or amendments to the minutes, a motion was made by Terry Phelan, and seconded by Tim Strahan to accept the minutes as read. The motion passed unanimously.

Report of Treasurer and bills for payment:

Treasurer Rick Tillotson was not in attendance. Deputy Chief Hiller presented the monthly company bills and account balances. With there being no discussion or amendments to the report, a motion was made by Steve Sartirana and seconded by Suzy McAllister to accept the report as read. The motion passed unanimously.

Communications, correspondence, and notices:

We received a letter from a company that buys and sells ambulances.

Report of Committees:

There were no committee meetings.

Admission of applications for new membership:

An application for membership was received from John Parenteau who lives on Sandy Brook Road. Terry Phelan made a motion to approve the application, and Tim Strahan seconded. The application will be referred to the Investigation Committee. The motion was unanimously approved by paper ballot.

The Investigation Committee, consisting of Steven Sartirana, Bill Hiller and Elizabeth Norman, met with Chris Johnstone on October 31, 2022. He has lived in the town for forty years and was interested in the Fire Department but did not previously join due to work travel. He has extensive experience as a mechanic.

Old Business:

The brush truck should be done in about a month.

We talked in September about getting materials back from members who have not been involved. Chief Bartlett is meeting with Danny Hiller to collect his equipment.

The membership committee will review the attendance and participation of Mike Knapp.

The floor that needs to be fixed will be fixed for free by the person, Mr. Gagnon, who originally built it twenty-two years ago.

We received a thank you from the third grade for hosting the tag sale.

Deputy Chief Hiller thanked everyone who attended the Open House.

Thank you to Steve Sartirana, Evan Sartirana and Ed Bascetta for helping with the Trunk or Treat which won the Kid's Choice award.

New Business:

The Live Burn will be next Tuesday, November 8. Please be at Forge by 5:30 PM. It will be confirmed who can bring the fire truck.

The Christmas party is December 3rd from 1-3 PM at Center. The Ladies Auxiliary will provide the refreshments.

Deputy Chief Hiller will send a thank you to the Torrington Fire Department for helping to load the compressor. We will confirm that it is in working order before getting a permanent wiring and hook-up.

Congratulations to TJ Strahan and Chris Beaulieu for passing their Q license.

Appeal letter – Deputy Chief Hiller will send the draft to Chief Bartlett. We will send it to the Assessors' list plus other people who members want to add.

Post Office Box – Tim Strahan moved to get a post office box. Terry Phelan seconded. It was approved unanimously. Deputy Chief Hiller will apply for one later this week.

With the weather getting colder, please keep an eye out for people who may not have heat, both because Colebrook Associates can support them and because we don't want people to use dangerous space heaters.

We also discussed getting some non-perishable food at Forge in case there is a long power outage again.

Winsted Fire Department is donating their old washing machine to us.

Chief's Report:

Chief Bartlett was not present so there was no Chief's report.

For the good of the Company:

Deputy Chief Hiller thanked everyone again for the Open House.

He also thanks Terry Phelan and Eddie Bascetta for attending Fire Prevention Day.

Being no further business, a motion was made by Tim Strahan and seconded by Terry Phelan to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 20:05 hours following the pledge of allegiance.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Norman

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Secretary