

**Colebrook Fire Department
Forge Company
February 7, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

Attendance: Todd Hiller, Steve Sartirana, Terry Phelan, Shawn Thibault, Rick Tillotson, Dan Butler, Bill Hiller, John Parenteau, Evan Sartirana, Elizabeth Norman, Bob Bull, Chief Ben Bartlett, Chris Johnstone, Chris Beaulieu and Dana Lent.

Deputy Chief Todd Hiller called the meeting of the Colebrook Fire Department Forge Company to order at 19:07 hours.

Reading and approval of minutes:

Elizabeth Norman presented the minutes from the January 2023 meeting. With there being no discussion or amendments to the minutes, a motion was made by Terry Phelan, and seconded by Dan Butler to accept the minutes as read. The motion passed unanimously.

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 and seconded by Shawn Thibault to accept the report as read. The motion passed unanimously.

Communications, correspondence, and notices:

We have received additional correspondence from the appeal, including additional thank you letters for our service to the town. The total received so far by the appeal was \$12,430, as per Chief Bartlett.

Report of Committees:

None in the past month.

Admission of applications for new membership: None. Deputy Chief Hiller introduced Dana Lent who is a prospective new member.

Old Business:

Deputy Chief Hiller shared that the estimate for the compressor was at \$7K to repair it. The compressor has a lot of hours on it already, and it is risky to spend that much on a machine where we don't know how long it will last. It was nice to receive this as a donation, but it is not certain how long the compressor would be in service and we already have other ways to fill air bottles. Deputy Chief Hiller invited discussion. Terry Phelan clarified with Deputy Chief Hiller that we already spent \$1K to service it. Steve Sartirana made a motion that we ask Bryce Zygmunt to

return the compressor to a junkyard and return the funds to Forge. John Parenteau seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Deputy Chief Hiller will follow up with Bryce Zygmunt.

The skating party will now be February 18.

Rick Tillotson distributed ID tags to some members. New tags will be provided to Elizabeth Norman and Jane McAndrew.

A discussion of physicals was held. Seven members need physicals.

New Business:

Hose testing is Tuesday, June 20th, at 8 AM at 380 New Hartford Road (Tractor Supply). They will test the hoses and ladders.

Good luck to John Parenteau who started Firefighter I.

Bill Hiller's fiancée donated a ping pong table that is upstairs. We will thank them and have a ping pong tournament.

Chief's Report:

Please return beneficiary forms if you have not.

The ice skating party will be on February 18. Everything is ready for that and hopefully the weather will cooperate.

Chief Bartlett made an axe for George O'Brien. He will arrange for both companies to give it to him.

Harry White, a former member, has offered to come do a drone class for free.

The By-law committee will have Steven Sartirana, Suzi McAllister, Todd Hiller and Elizabeth Norman from Forge to join representatives from Center.

In the past three years, the annual Steak Bake has not been held. Looking for different ways to do a family-oriented fundraiser. Steve Sartirana and Terry Phelan offered to join that committee for Forge.

Training schedule for the remainder of the month:

February 14 – Blood-borne PPE

February 21 – Fire Police training at Forge

February 28 – Ropes and knots

For the good of the Company:

Membership cards are available from Elizabeth Norman for all members who have signed the membership book for 2023.

Being no further business, a motion was made by Terry Phelan and seconded by Steve Sartirana to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 19:56 hours following the pledge of allegiance.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Norman

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Secretary