

Colebrook Fire Department
Forge Company
April 4, 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, Maureen Bascetta and T.J. Strahan.

Deputy Chief Todd Hiller called the meeting of the Colebrook Fire Department Forge Company to order at 19:15 hours.

Reading and approval of minutes:

Elizabeth Norman presented the minutes from the March 2023 meeting. With there being no discussion or amendments to the minutes, a motion was made by TJ Strahan, and seconded by First Selectman Chris Johnstone 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. We will need to have a spending freeze on non-critical expenses until the new fiscal year as much as possible. With there being no further 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:

Riverton Fire Department is now responding to medical first responder call.

Report of Committees:

The Truck Committee did not meet.

The Dinner Fundraising Committee met. There was a brief discussion of fundraising ideas, and the committee will meet again. It was determined that Mother's Day may not be the best day for a meeting.

Admission of applications for new membership: Maggie Jones Parenteau has applied. Steve Sartirana moved to accept her application. Bill Hiller seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Old Business:

The Brush Truck is set up differently than it used to be. We can draft with it, pump to the hose reel and there are hose fittings pointed out the tailgate. We can have a demonstration after the meeting.

New Business:

Community outreach: we would like to do more than have the Open House. We will plan some additional activities this summer. There will be a movie night on July 15th.

In August, we would like to partner with the PTO to have the kids sell lemonade. August 12th is the tentative date.

The Open House will be October 8, 2023.

Chief's Report:

April 18th is Fit Testing at 7 PM at Center for SCBA fitting.

The Trail Riders fundraiser will be May 20 and 21.

On May 13, Eversource is hosting a class on electrical safety. Steve recommended that new people attend.

Sandy Brook Road is closed.

Appreciation for everyone who showed up to OB's dinner last night.

For the good of the Company:

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 19:53 hours following the pledge of allegiance.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary