

Colebrook Fire Department
Forge Company
August 1, 2023 Monthly Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Chief Benjamin Barlett, Deputy Chief Todd Hiller, Captain Steve Sartirana, Lieutenant Terence Phelan, Dan Butler, John Parenteau, Maggie Parenteau, Tim Strahan, Shawn Thibault, Bob Bull, Maureen Bascetta, Rick Tillotson, Elizabeth Norman, Scott Shahmanesh.

Deputy Chief Todd Hiller called the regular monthly meeting of the Colebrook Fire Department Forge Company to order at 19:02 hours.

Reading and approval of minutes:

Elizabeth Norman presented the minutes from the July 11, 2023 meeting. A motion was made by Terence Phelan and seconded by Steve Sartirana to accept the minutes as read. The motion passed unanimously.

Report of Treasurer and bills for payment:

Rick Tillotson presented the Treasurer's report. Terence Phelan asked about the status of a reimbursement request. It will be filled next month. With there being no discussion or amendments to the treasurer's report, a motion was made by Terence Phelan and seconded by John Parenteau to accept the treasurer's report as read. The motion passed unanimously.

Communications, correspondence, and notices:

None except Parade notices.

Report of Committees:

There were no reports for Committees.

Admission of applications for new membership:

David Mann from Riverton Road applied. Terence Phelan moved to accept his application and refer it to the investigation committee. Rick Tillotson seconded. It was unanimously approved.

Old Business:

We fared okay with the second round of storms.

Deputy Chief Hiller thanked the members who assisted with the endurance test at Norbrook Brewery.

Hose testing will be on August 30th.

The Colebrook Fair: Chris Palmer will build a flow house for us.

Deputy Chief Hiller thanked members who came out to the East Hartland Parade.

The Parade in Winsted is August 26.

Steve Sartirana is still trying to get in touch with the company for the extinguishers.

New Business:

Deputy Chief Hiller thanked everyone who painted the Brush Truck.

Truck status: Deputy Chief Hiller will ask for an update on the completion date.

Chief's Report:

The Committee for the Appreciation Dinner will meet next Wednesday at 7 PM at Center Fire House.

The hydrant by Camp Jewell needs new fittings. The Chief will get the fittings and see to the repairs.

Training: If possible, next week, we can do the second half of the EVOC class on August 8.

August 15 – drone class at boat launch

August 22 – pump class at boat launch

As of now, Camp Jewell has not yet applied for a permit for fireworks.

August 29- getting coordinates for Life Star to land in September.

We need to finalize the dates for the pump class at the fire school. They would like to move it to September 19 and 23.

We have not yet received donations for the McClave fireworks.

Deputy Chief Hiller asked about whether Center could write a check to Forge for half of the appeal money so that we can buy tools for the new truck.

Questions were raised about how the joint account is managed. A monthly report of the joint account was requested. Chief Bartlett committed to presenting this to Forge on a monthly basis.

There was also a discussion of whether we could raise funds on the website through a passive donate button.

First Selectman Chris Johnstone proposed that Chief Bartlett, Deputy Chief Hiller and Treasurer Robert Carfiro meet in his office next week to discuss fundraising further. Chief Bartlett requested some more time for him to work on this and come back to us.

New Business from the floor:

Captain Sartirana mentioned that we will need to schedule alternate dates for maintenance nights this month.

Captain Sartirana shared the artwork for the challenge coins. Terence Phelan moved that we spend up to \$700 to purchase challenge coins. John Parenteau seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

For the good of the Company:

Bob Bull thanked Chief Bartlett for attending so many calls with Engine 1 since his retirement.

Bill Hiller made a motion, Chris Johnstone seconded motion to adjourn meeting at hours following the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Norman

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Secretary