

COLEBROOK CENTER FIRE DEPARTMENT
Regular Meeting - February 5, 2024

Members Present: Sean Barry, Craig Carfiro, Hannah McCaw, Robert Carfiro, Sarah Carfiro, Jeff Coleman, Mike Coleman, John Fredsall, Paul LaRocque, Sandra Carfiro, Paul Odell, Aden Ruwet, Dave Sweeney, Ben Bartlett, Chris Kesl, Kevan Robichaud.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Deputy Chief Carfiro.

Secretary Report:

- The secretary's report was read. A motion was made by Ben Bartlett and seconded by Sean Barry to accept the secretary report. The motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer Report:

- The treasurer's report read. A motion was made by Sean Barry and seconded by Sarah Carfiro to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was unanimously approved.

Correspondence:

- Donation thank you letters were shared.

Old Business:

- Deputy Chief Carfiro gave an update on matching funds.
- The boiler project will not be completed as a CIP this year. The bids came in higher than anticipated. The lowest bid received was 27K. It was discussed requesting the bid specifications wording be changed. Chief Barry was going to follow up with the town.

New Business:

- The cold water rescue drill was held this weekend. It was discussed purchasing cleats (\$10-\$20 per pair) and also the need for 1-2 new wetsuits (about \$900/suit) to replace the leaking suits. A motion was made by Ben Bartlett and seconded by Todd Correll to purchase 4-5 pairs of cleats in assorted sizes and 1-2 rescue suits. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Per our newly adopted cancer prevention policy we are required to have a gear washer. Forge has a gear washer and needed some repairs.. A motion was made by Ben Bartlett and seconded by Sean Barry to pay half of the repair bill for the gear washer. The motion was unanimously approved.
- It was explained that we can only apply for one grant from the Berkshire Trail Riders. A motion was made by Ben Bartlett and second by Todd Correll to split the grant received 2 years ago with Forge. The motion was unanimously approved.
- The Colebrook Fire Department budget for 2024-2025 was submitted by Chief Barry with a proposed budget of \$94,000. Line item categories were broken down based on costs that are known (hose testing, physicals, etc.) and expected increases. Chief Barry will follow up and share updates with the department.
- The Annual Skating Party had a good turn out. Thank you to everyone that helped.
- Officers from both companies have been meeting the last few months. Todd Correll reviewed the revised draft of the Fundraising Policy. It covers fundraising ideas going through a fundraising

committee composed of members from both companies. Fundraising ideas will be voted on at a joint meeting and any fundraising money would go into the joint account. Discussed the Intent section from the fundraising policy. No questions or concerns were raised.

Training:

- February 13- CPR refresher

Firehouse Check: Mike Coleman

The department recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hannah McCaw
Secretary Colebrook Fire Department