

COLEBROOK CENTER FIRE DEPARTMENT
Regular Meeting - Mar 4, 2024

Members Present: Sean Barry, Craig Carfiro, Hannah McCaw, Robert Carfiro, Tom Odell, Ben Bartlett, Chris Kesl, Kevan Robichaud, Brad Bremer, Jon Gray, Todd Correll, Laurie Desjardins.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 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 Ben Bartlett and seconded by Sean Barry to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was unanimously approved.

Correspondence:

- A note from Mark Jasmin was shared regarding having his membership status changed to a honorary/lifetime member after his 37 years of service on the Colebrook Center FD. This will be discussed between the Chief and Deputy.

Old Business:

- Foot cleats not purchased yet. A correction to February minutes, wet suits were not voted on. It was moved by Ben Bartlett and seconded by Sean Barry to purchase 1 wetsuit. The motion was unanimously approved.
- We did get the grant from Berkshire Trail Riders. Berkshire Trail Riders would like to present the department with the grant next month with the Selectman in attendance as well.

New Business:

- Deputy Chief Carfiro proposed purchasing a flammable cabinet for holding fuels. Typically these cabinets run for 2K. There is one on facebook marketplace for a decent price. Jon Gray made a motion and Todd Correll seconded to purchase an flammable cabinet for safe storage of fuels. The motion was unanimously approved.
- A piercing nozzle was shared as a potential idea for future matching funds.
- The Selectmen's 2024-2025 budget shows an increase in the Colebrook Fire Department budget of 9.3% (\$59,000). Great news is that there is a line item of \$2,500 for the First Responders now.
- Chief Barry shared that he was speaking with the LaRocque's. Another town organization promised to donate \$800-\$850 to help support George O'brien, unfortunately they were unable to. Chief Barry made a motion and it was seconded by Kevan Robicahud to cover these expenses. The motion passed unanimously.

- Chief Barry will share at Forges meeting the expense of Ben Bartlett's physical. The physical was completed during his time as Chief so both companies are responsible for half.
- Chief Barry shared information regarding the Emergency Director Training he attended with Rick Tillotson, Terry Phelen and Selectman Bremer. This training was held at Colebrook River Dam.
- The second draft of the fundraising policy was emailed. It likely will not be voted on in May. Discussion was had on some changes from draft 1 vs. draft 2.
- Discussed 501C status.

Training:

- Please see the email from the training officer.

Firehouse Check: Jon Gray

The department recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hannah McCaw
Secretary Colebrook Fire Department