

Colebrook Fire Department

Forge Company

April 8th, 2025, Monthly Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Steve Sartirana, Evan Sartirana, Rick Tillotson, Shawn Thibault, T.J. Strahan, Bob Bull, Bryce Zygmunt, Todd Hiller, Sean Barry, Rick Tillotson, Maureen Bascetta, Terry Phelan, Chantelle Masslon, Brad Bremer, Nora Ely, Dan Butler, Bill Hiller

Deputy Chief Todd Hiller called the regular monthly meeting of the Colebrook Fire Department Forge Company to order at 19:04 hours.

Reading and approval of minutes: Nora Ely presented the minutes from the March meeting as taken by Elizabeth Norman. A motion was made by Shawn Thibault and seconded by Bryce Zygmunt to accept the minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Report of Treasurer and bills for payment: Deputy Chief Todd Hiller presented the monthly company bills and account balances. With there being no discussion or amendments to the report, a motion was made by Bryce Zygmunt and seconded by Shawn Thibault to accept the report as read. The motion passed unanimously.

Communications, correspondence, and notices: A vote was made for TJ Strahan's wife Bethany in a competition for Super Mom. A donation will be made towards the competition.

Report of Committees: None.

Admission of applications for new membership: None.

Old Business:

Cold water rescue suits have been ordered, and delivered. Anti-freeze repaired and fixed on Squad 2 with no smell or leak.

May 17-19th will be the dinner and breakfast for Berkshire Riders. A sign up sheet will be posted at both firehouses to sign up and volunteer.

Stokes tire has been delivered. Dan has connections with thrift store through Winsted Fire Dept and mentioned applying for grant for additional parts for the stokes. Winsted previously used grant for extrication tools. Deadline is April 14th, 2025.

New Business:

Squad 2 has been refilled with water, now that temperatures have risen. Should be ok to leave Squad outside with water, but keep in mind pump remain closed if not operating.

With brush fires on the rise, Brush 6 should be first truck leaving along with Squad 2 if additional manpower is needed. DEEP wildland is already reporting brush fires. Sandy Brook reported brush fire already this season. It was mentioned to not hesitate to call DEEP, and if not needed to cancel. There is higher danger with it being brush fire season, DEEP will want to know how you would like response, hot or cold response.

Deputy Chief Todd mentioned switching over website to .org, but David Mann was not present so will reconvene at next meeting.

Brush 6 radio is still operable, if it found there are issues, please report to an officer.

Alpine network is up and running, and will get tech out to install application to Firehouse computers. Todd mentioned that Alpine may not run on iPads within trucks, but have deputy computer and radio room computer updated.

Chief's Report: Chief Sean Berry mentioned that the town's budget committee public hearing will be on Thursday April 10th at 7 pm. It is highly suggested that any fire department members please attend to show support. The referendum will be on May 6th at 7 pm.

It was discussed at the joint meeting of purchasing 3 band radios for both Chief and Deputy Chiefs, but was put on hold until further discussion.

For the good of the Company: Both Todd Hiller and Steve Sartiana submitted resignations from Deputy Chief and Captain.

At this time, Terry Phelan will be Deputy Chief and Shawn Thibault will be Captain of Forge.

Being no further business, a motion was made by Shawn Thibault and seconded by Steve Sartirana to adjourn the meeting at 20:05 hours. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned following the pledge of allegiance.

Respectfully submitted,

Nora Ely, for Elizabeth Norman Secretary