

**Colebrook Fire Department
Forge Company
October 3, 2023 Monthly Meeting Minutes**

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

Deputy Chief Todd Hiller called the regular monthly meeting of the Colebrook Fire Department Forge Company to order at 19:06 hours.

Reading and approval of minutes:

Elizabeth Norman presented the minutes from the September 5, 2023 meeting. A motion was made by Steve Sartirana and seconded by Shawn Thibault to accept the minutes as read. The motion passed unanimously.

Report of Treasurer and bills for payment:

Rick Tillotson presented the Treasurer's report. With there being no discussion or amendments to the treasurer's report, a motion was made by Terence Phelan and seconded by T.J. Strahan to accept the treasurer's report as read. The motion passed unanimously.

Communications, correspondence, and notices:

The second grade class at the school is doing a textile drive. They are requesting donations. They can be left at the fire house or the school.

Walk-to-school day is tomorrow. Some members will participate and bring a vehicle.

Next year, we will be the recipients of a new parking lot thanks to a SEEP grant.

We got awarded the DEEP matching funds grant where we spend \$5,000 and they return \$2,500. We have already spent this on some discounted saws.

Report of Committees:

The committees did not meet this month.

Admission of applications for new membership:

No applications.

Old Business:

The fourth grade thanked us for allowing them to host the tag sale here.

The Open House is scheduled for this Sunday from 9 AM to noon. Life Star is scheduled for 11 AM.

The training on Saturday is at 9 AM. There will be attendees from here, Norfolk, Winsted, Barkhamsted and maybe Lakeville.

Chief's Report:

Thanks to everyone who attended the pump class and solar class.

The appreciation dinner is October 14. The committee planning that will meet tomorrow.

The balance of the joint account was reported.

New trainings (other than the ones previously reported):

There will be an extrication class on October 22 at 8 AM.

On October 24, there will be a class at the Fire School where we are burning with the propane props at 7 PM.

New Business:

We need to order new envelopes with our correct address.

The sandwich board out front needs to be replaced after being used for several years. Deputy Chief Hiller will bring a proposal of options to the next meeting.

We are also looking into getting some security cameras for the Fire House. John Parenteau will look into this. There is a platform called Digital Watchdog that is cheaper than options such as Ring. Deputy Chief Hiller and John will bring options to the next meeting.

A grant committee has been formed with Captain Sartirana, John and David.

Captain Sartirana reported that oil checks will be done this month.

Evan is working on fixing some of the radios. In the meantime, please do not set them to scan.

Captain Sartirana announced the membership of the new committees. It will be posted on the bulletin board. Please let Captain Sartirana know if the committees need anything.

We will not be meeting at the Fire House on October 31.

Camp Jewell asked if organizations if they want to decorate a cabin and hand out candy on October 21. Captain Sartirana volunteered to do that. The Parenteau's should be able to help as well.

There will be a Halloween Festival at Pinney Stables on October 28, and the town Trunk-or-Treat will be there.

For the good of the Company:

A gift certificate was given to T.J. Strahan with best wishes for his son's recover from surgery.

Terence Phelan made a motion, Steve Sartirana seconded motion to adjourn meeting at 19:45 hours following the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Norman

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Secretary