

Colebrook Fire Department

Forge Company

October 2025, Monthly Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Evan Sartirana, Shawn Thibault, Scott Shamanesh, David Mann, Elizabeth Norman, Bryce Zygmunt, Nora Ely, Bob Bull, Dan Butler, Sean Barry, Karl Janak, Rick Tillotson, Chauntelle Masslon, Rick Tillotson. T.J. Strahan, Terry Phelan, Corrine Nelson.

Shawn Thibault called the regular monthly meeting of the Colebrook Fire Department Forge Company to order at 19:00 hours.

Reading and approval of minutes: Elizabeth Norman presented the minutes from the September meeting. A motion was made by Nora and seconded by Bryce Zygmunt to accept the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Communications, correspondence, and notices:

We received a notice that Colebrook Reservoir is closed. In order to get water, it is required to go to Hogback Dam.

Report of Committees:

By-Laws Committee: The By-Law Committee will meet one more time to finalize the By-Laws. The first responders By-Laws will be incorporated into the Fire By-Laws to make them the third company of the Fire Department.

Admission of applications for new membership:

After meeting with the interview committee, they recommended Johanna Gruden for membership. After a paper ballot, her application was approved.

Karl Janak was also recommended for membership based on a recommendation by the Chief, his active participation to date and his membership in Norfolk Fire Department. He also has his Firefighter I and EMR certification. After a paper ballot, his application was approved.

Old Business:

The OSHA compliance work is ongoing.

In terms of FireTek there have been some improvements.

The new deck gun is on the truck. The nozzles have been ordered after a special meeting, and they should be here after 4-6 weeks. We got them at a better price due to holding the special meeting.

New Business:

Bryce mentioned that we need to get the phone in the fire house reconnected and get the voicemail updated. There is work being done with Frontier on that.

Evan is working with FireTek on updating the sources of water.

Karl Janak has a key to the State Park that he offered to make copies of. Bryce Zygmunt moved that he make 5 copies of the key with fobs. T.J. seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. Nora advised him that we may have an account at Winchester Hardware. Otherwise, he can get reimbursed.

Chief's Report

Next week, October 14, there will be a joint meeting to vote on the by-laws.

The firefighter cancer screening was a success. Four people from Colebrook attended, and they found it to be very professionally run.

The Family Picnic is planned for October 18.

Chief Barry notified everyone that Sandisfield to be on automatic call based on what response is needed.

For the good of the Company:

Deputy Chief Phelan asked everyone to list their codes for Center and Forge. This will help Center reset some of their codes.

Being no further business, a motion was made by T.J. Strahan and seconded by Nora Ely to adjourn the meeting at 19:50 hours. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned following the pledge of allegiance.

Respectfully submitted,

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