

Colebrook Volunteer Fire Department Meeting Minutes August 3, 2026

MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE: Sean Barry, Sandra Carfiro, Hannah McCaw, Ben Bartlett, Jeff Coleman, Nora Thilbault, Sean Thilbault, Terry Phelan, Faith Fredrickson, Ben Dehey, Bob Carfiro, Craig Carfiro, Kevin Robichaud, Sarah Carfiro, Chris Kesi, Gavin Kesi, Luc Roux, Aj Ruwet, Mike Coleman, David Mann, Andrew Zimmerman, Cole Dehey, Cooper Dehey, John Fredsall, Scott Shem

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: None.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:02PM.

- The secretary's report was read. A motion was made by Terry Phelan and seconded Ben Bartlett to accept the report as read. The motion passed unanimously.
- The treasurer's report read. A motion was made by Terry Phelan and seconded by Nora to accept as read. The motion passed unanimously.
- Communications: None.
- Committee reports: A motion was made by Terry Phelan and seconded by Nora to approve Harry Coon's application for membership. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Chief Barry explained the reimbursement process from DEEP for brush fires. It was discussed, what the membership thought about the time cut off to be to individual members verses a more substantial check to go to the department. It was discussed at the 4 hour + mark to then go to the individual member. A motion was made by Ben Bartlett and then seconded by Terry Phelan for the 4 hour cut off. The motion passed unanimously.
- Chief Barry shared the free cancer screening letter. They are recommending a donation of \$200 or more from departments to help support firefighter cancer screenings. The goal is to raise \$30,000. Looking for volunteers to set up, and guiding individuals to the screening areas, if your interested please reach out. A motion was made by Terry Phelan and seconded by Ben Bartlett to make a donation of \$400. The motion passed unanimously.
- Currently, there is a GoFundMe account for Norfolk member, Lt. Brad Funk, an interior Firefighter. He is going through long term illness and looking for financial support to ease financial burdens. A motion was made by Craig Carfiro to donate \$500 and seconded by Terry Phelan. The motion passed unanimously.
- Invoice was shared from the State CT Firefighter Association. We have our membership with the State Fire Association. \$315 for the membership. A motion was made by Terry Phelan and seconded by Ben Bartlett to approve paying the \$315 yearly membership fee. The motion passed unanimously.
- Scott and David had made up fire department id's for all members. Thank you both for taking initiative. A motion was made by Ben Bartlett and seconded by to reimburse Scott. The motion passed.
- Chief Barry shared that we now start a new fiscal year. With the use of capital funds, we are granted to purchase a new SCBA up to \$93,000. Received a MES quote for \$88,970.33. Will bring this quote to the Selectman.
- Waterbury Fire is getting rid of the compressor, this is item that we might be able to acquire.

- A gear washing machine is being gifted from Waterbury Fire. Now there will be a gear washing machine at each firehouse, which will need to be installed.
- Thank you to Zygmunt Excavation for helping with bringing man power at drills.
- Next drill will begin at 5:30PM at Bryce's for a cookout. A motion was made by Terry Phelan and seconded by Ben Bartlett to having the picnic. The motion passed unanimously. Please send in a RSVP by next Sunday/ Monday for the food count.
- Saturday, September 5th is the Colebrook Fair. Looking for a first responder as early as 7:30/8 on standby. Looking to have an extrication demo and also keep a piece of equipment there all day.
- Each company will do a raffle basket for the basket raffle.

TRAINING: See email/app for training updates.

ADJOURNMENT: The department recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting adjourned at 7: 38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Hannah McCaw
Secretary Colebrook Fire Department