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Colebrook Fire Department

Forge Company

February 3, 2026 Monthly Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Bob Bull, Dan Butler, Nora Ely, Johanna Gruden, Corrine Jasmin, David Mann, Terry Phelan, Scott Shahmanesh, Shawn Thibault, Rick Tillotson, Bryce Zygmont, Bill Hiller

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

Secretary's Report

Bill Hiller moved to accept the secretary's report as read. Bryce Zygmont seconded. This passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Deputy Chief Phelan read the treasurer's report. Shawn moved to accept the treasurer's report as read. Nora Ely seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by David Mann to allocate a debit card for Nora Ely-Thibault. Rick Tillotson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Communications

Free opioid seminar and free Narcan kits would be provided on 2/19 at 2:00pm

Grief Support Series at Colebrook Senior Center on February 4th & February 18th.

Free Pasta Dinner at Region 7 FFA School on March 13th

Ice Skating Party February 7th at Colebrook Rec

Deputy Chief Terry spoke about Generation Station at 13 Robertsville Rd. No spills have been reported from 2008-2025. If there is any information to be shared, please reach out to Deputy Chief Terry Phelan.

Natural gas pipeline that goes through Colebrook, please contact Tennessee Pipeline as they are in charge of the pipeline.

Committees

None

Applications for new members

None

Old Business

Light tower is still off truck with damage. Chief Sean has a bid out for repair. Deputy Chief Terry has called 4 Guys. At this time 4 Guys is not able to complete repairs. Insurance company has been contacted and will continue with claim through insurance to complete repairs.

Dumpster outside of firehouse on side of parking lot has caused an issue with people throwing compost outside of dumpster and being found in driveway. If this continues, town will be contacted to find a new solution to dumpster being on firehouse property.

Deputy Chief Phelan spoke about switching internet service from Frontier to Spectrum. Contracts discussed were for 1 year $150 monthly; 2 year $125 monthly; 3 year $100 monthly; 4 year $90 monthly; 5 year $80 monthly. A motion was made by Shawn Thibault and seconded by Bill Hiller to accept the 5 year plan of $80 monthly plan to include phone, internet, and wifi with a one time installation fee. Motion passed unanimously.

IDs are currently still in motion. It was suggested to take own photo and email over to Evan. Once all photos have been received, IDs will be made for all members.

Bylaws passed in November 2025. No current meeting to discuss further has been made at this time.

Tax abatement was discussed. All members currently residing in the town of Colebrook will receive this towards taxes.

The backup generator is currently not working, Bryce has volunteered to take a look at it.

New Business

The Trail Riders Grant has been approved for 6 new life jackets. The grant is for $1,060 and the department will only need to pay $30 in total for the life jackets.

It was discussed that a set of tire chains has been put on Squad 2. Please be cautious when driving apparatus. The chains will only be used when there is 6" or more of snow. Max speed of driving apparatus with chains is 25-30 mph. The set of chains was made by Shawn Thibault. To have chains made specifically for Squad 2, it will cost around $400-$500 based on estimate from O'Reilly's.

New budget was submitted last week. Will await to hear on approval from town.

Point system has been submitted to town for tax abatement.

AFG/FEMA Grant was discussed with David Mann leading the grant. David suggested using Lexipol to write the grants for a fee. This will be tabled at the moment. Turnout gear grant with

Winsted Area Chiefs is too new to put in for the grant. Gear within the department is too new and in good shape to not need to be replaced.

It was discussed that the Norfolk incident had communication problems, and was asked if a grant can be applied for the radios. Radios have already been purchased, and currently the issue with communication is being worked out with LCD.

Task Force list has been updated. There is currently only two task force strike teams. Colebrook Brush 6 is under the strike team including Litchfield and surrounding towns.

Motion was made to adjourn by Scott Shamanesh and seconded by David Mann. Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Respectively submitted,

Corrine Jasmin