

**Colebrook Fire Department**  
**Forge Company**  
**June 2, 2024, Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance:** Todd Hiller, Dan Butler, John Parenteau, Maggie Parenteau, Elizabeth Norman, Sean Barry, Rick Tillotson, Nora Ely, Shawn Thibault, Terry Phelan, Maureen Bascetta, Brad Bremer, David Mann, Evan Sartirana, Steve Sartirana, Bill Hiller.

Deputy Chief Hiller called the regular monthly meeting of the Colebrook Fire Department Forge Company to order at 19:26 hours.

**Reading and approval of minutes:**

Elizabeth Norman presented the minutes from the May meeting. Maggie Parenteau proposed an amendment that the Fire magazine subscription was less than \$40, not less than \$4. With there being no further discussion or amendments to the minutes, a motion was made by Terry Phelan and seconded by John Parenteau to accept the minutes as read. The motion passed unanimously.

**Report of Treasurer and bills for payment:**

Treasurer Maggie Parenteau presented the monthly bills and account balances. With there being no other discussion or amendments to the report, a motion was made by Terry Phelan and seconded by Shawn Thibault to accept the report as read. The motion passed unanimously.

**Communications, correspondence, and notices:**

We received a few parade invitations on the bulletin board. Please talk to the Deputy Chief if you would like to attend a parade.

**Report of Committees:**

The Truck Committee went to Pennsylvania to pick up the truck. The truck is not yet in service since it needs to be fully loaded. We will use a few Tuesday nights to work on the truck.

**Admission of applications for new membership:**

We have a pending membership application from Chase Lacasse.

**Old Business:**

For hose testing, we got a couple of bids. The best one was from Fail Safe. We will arrange this for July when it's a new Fiscal Year.

The water class went well. At one point, there was over 2200 gallons/minute. The teachers said only about 10 percent of the classes achieve over 1000 gallons/minute.

In terms of response apps, John Parenteau reported that IamResponding turned out to not connect to CAD and was not a good solution. Rover is still functional right now, and we hope to have a solution with the FireTech app by the end of June.

The Trailriders' breakfast seemed to go well.

Bill Hiller reported that the challenge coins have been placed on the gravestones for Ralph Hazen and Teddy Waldo (two for each one).

We will also get a dedication plaque for the new truck.

### **New Business**

We applauded Evan Sartirana for graduating from Firefighter I. His graduation was Sunday.

In terms of the christening of the truck, a lot of people would like to start in the center of town and have a parade to Colebrook. We could stage other departments along the route to wet down the truck. The date is proposed as August 24<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM. A “Wet down committee” was formed, and the first meeting will be on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

We will also need to make some purchases for the new truck. Terry Phelan moved that we appropriate \$6650 for a new radio for Engine II. Shawn Thibault seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Terry Phelan moved that the truck committee is authorized to spend the required amount to purchase mounting brackets for the equipment for the new truck. John Parenteau seconded. This was unanimously approved.

David Mann offered to prioritize materials for the truck for new grant applications.

### **Chief's Report**

Next month, there will be a joint meeting of the Fire companies on July 1<sup>st</sup>. We received a \$5000 increase in our budget this year.

The water class this weekend was successful. We also noted that the Tolland tanker was the largest and ours was second.

The Chief discussed responding to members of the public. If they are difficult, please refer the incident to a more senior officer and call Chief Barry as needed.

### **For the good of the Company:**

Being no further business, a motion was made by Terry Phelan and seconded by Chris Johnstone to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 20:21 hours following the pledge of allegiance.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Norman*

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Secretary