

Colebrook Fire Department
Forge Company
December 3, 2024, Monthly Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Steve Sartirana, Dan Butler, Bill Hiller, Maureen Bascetta, Rick Tillotson, Shawn Thibault, Nora Ely, Tim Strahan, John Parenteau, T.J. Strahan, David Mann, Maggie Jones-Parenteau, Bob Bull, Elizabeth Norman, Bryce Zygmunt, Chauntelle Masslon, Todd 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 November meeting. With there being no discussion or amendments to the minutes, a motion was made by Shawn Thibault and seconded by Nora Ely to accept the minutes as read. The motion passed unanimously.

Report of Treasurer and bills for payment:

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

Communications, correspondence, and notices:

None

Report of Committees:

Deputy Chief Hiller gave a report on the truck committee. They did not meet but he thanked Steve and Evan Sartirana and Dan Butler for their work putting tools on the truck.

Deputy Chief Hiller reported on the appeal total which was just \$8700. This is slightly less than last year but still strong.

Admission of applications for new membership:

None. We welcomed our new member Chauntelle Masslon.

Old Business:

The live burn was canceled but will be rescheduled.

The old Engine 2 is back. We need to get a decent selling price in order to sell it. Terry Phelan and Steve Sartirana will work together on this. Two parties have expressed interest in buying it.

The iPads have been installed. John Parenteau is working on a way to charge it in the brush truck.

John Parenteau and Hannah McCaw are attending a seminar on the Alpine software update.

New Business:

The Colebrook Holiday Fair will be December 14.

The Fire Department skating party will be coming up; we do not have a date yet.

The Christmas Party at Center will be on December 7.

Chief's Report:

Captain Sartirana gave the report on Chief Barry's behalf.

Laurie DesJardins' car was donated to the Fire Department and sold. The money will go into the joint account.

Captain Sartirana gave a reminder of safety at scenes such as a brush fire. Captain Sartirana made a motion that we appropriate \$300 for safety and first aid related to chainsaw use. David Mann seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Deputy Chief Hiller will post a sheet for nominations for elections.

We will have a "Great Tree Burn" again this year, around January 11.

We discussed the need for radios. Bill Hiller moved that we appropriate \$1000 for radios. Elizabeth Norman seconded. This passed unanimously.

Rick Tillotson will work with Deputy Chief Hiller to see if cribbing can be donated by Lowes.

Deputy Chief Hiller and the members celebrated that David Mann passed his Q class.

Deputy Chief Hiller thanked John and Maggie Parenteau for donating their generator to Forge. Maggie also offered to give a laser printer to the person who replaces her as the Forge treasurer, as well as providing training.

For the good of the Company:

Being no further business, a motion was made by Rick Tillotson and seconded by John Parenteau to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 20:08 hours following the pledge of allegiance.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Norman

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Secretary