

Colebrook Fire Department
Forge Company
February 4, 2025, Monthly Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Steve Sartirana, Dan Butler, Bill Hiller, Maureen Bascetta, Rick Tillotson, Shawn Thibault, Nora Ely, T.J. Strahan, David Mann, Bob Bull, Bryce Zygmont, Todd Hiller, Sean Barry, Rick Tillotson, Terry Phelan, Maureen Bascetta, Scott Shamanesh.

Deputy Chief Todd Hiller called the regular monthly meeting of the Colebrook Fire Department Forge Company to order at 19:59 hours after the joint meeting.

Reading and approval of minutes:

Deputy Chief Todd Hiller presented the minutes from the January meeting. A motion was made by Terry Phelan and seconded by Bryce Zygmont to accept the minutes as read. The motion passed unanimously.

Report of Treasurer and bills for payment:

Treasurer Maureen Bascetta presented the monthly company bills and account balances. With there being no 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:

None.

Old Business:

Apparatus team got together about selling Engine 2. We have a potential buyer. Rescue Enterprise was contacted by Terry Phelan. We are currently awaiting on a callback to see if there is interest in purchasing Rescue 8.

First due is coming out to see if it is worth repairing Engine 2. The cost for the service call is \$150.

Chief Sean Barry mentioned that any department business needs to include the Chief first before going to the Town Hall.

Tree burn was another great day and very successful. Along with the tree burn, Sparrow Aerial drone made a stop and caught some footage for the department at the Tree Burn.

Physicals: All paperwork will need to be provided to Maureen Bascetta, any invoices

provided by AFC.

Steve Sartirana mentioned that the Pump has been drained on Squad 2 due to the cold weather but if there is a structure fire, and potential to flow water, may need to add water. otherwise, good to use.

Tires were replaced on Brush 6 by Toce Tire in Torrington.

One cold water rescue suit is in need of repair/or replacement; We will look into new suits. The Chief and Deputy Chief are to look into pricing and get back in touch with department on purchase versus repair.

Deputy Chief Hiller reminded everyone that due to the inclement weather it is best to travel safely while responding to calls, if we don't get there safely, we can't help.

Shawn Thibault mentioned to turn on PTO when leaving the station and cycle while driving to warm up the hydraulic fluid

Maureen Bascetta mentioned going forward to attach a purchase form to receipt when paying for department parts, and supplies. This will provide Maureen with info on what was bought for what truck or supplies for building. Forms will be located in treasurer box or on the front table in meeting room.

Chief's Report

Chief Barry mentioned that for any facility items being paid out of the department funding, the bill needs to go to the town hall. For any money that comes out of the department and not forwarded to the town hall ahead of time but needs payment from town, Karen O'Dell will write a check as reimbursement. Going forward, for any vendor payments, this will be one check coming from town funding and not from the department funds.

There was talk about a erecting a sign at Forge station for posting about news in the town. This is used when voting is to take place, town meetings, etc.

New Business

Captain Sartirana mentioned that 2 pairs of chaps have been ordered, awaiting on one size to come in. Boots should be coming in for Evan Sartirana and Shawn Thibault soon. We need to stay on top of manufactured date of 10 years for equipment needed by members. Captain Sartirana's brother donated chaps set; chaps, hat, screen, bag, and safety glasses and will be on Squad 2. The set is brand new and was never used.

There was discussion on buying a cover for the blue blitz nozzle. Captain Sartirana found

that the nozzle cover could be bought by the manufacture for \$400, but there is potential to make one or find one cheaper. Motion was made by Terry Phelan to appropriate \$500 for nozzle cover, seconded by Scott Shamanesh. This was unanimously approved.

There was also discussion about adding solar panels to the roof of Forge. This was brought up by TJ Strahan and a committee will be arranged to look into adding panels to Forge. Committee will be from both Forge and Center firehouses with TJ and Rick from Forge.

For the good of the Company:

Being no further business, a motion was made by Terry Phelan and seconded by Shawn Thibault to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 20:13 hours following the pledge of allegiance.

Respectfully submitted,

Nora Ely

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Training Officer