

**Colebrook Fire Department**  
**Forge Company**  
**March 4, 2025, Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance:** Steve Sartirana, Evan Sartirana, Bill Hiller, Maureen Bascetta, Rick Tillotson, Shawn Thibault, T.J. Strahan, David Mann, Bob Bull, Elizabeth Norman, Bryce Zygmont, Chauntelle Masslon, Todd Hiller, Sean Barry, Rick Tillotson, Maureen Bascetta.

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 and Deputy Chief Todd Hiller presented the minutes from the February meeting as taken by Nora Ely. A motion was made by Steve Sartirana and seconded by T.J. Strahan to accept the minutes as amended. 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 Steve Sartirana and seconded by Bryce Zygmont to accept the report as read. The motion passed unanimously.

**Communications, correspondence, and notices:**

The Colebrook Associates

On Friday night at the Rusty Nail, there is a fundraiser for Pinney Stables.

**Report of Committees:**

None.

**Admission of applications for new membership:**

None.

**Old Business:**

Potential buyer for the Rescue truck. Engine 2's sale is final.

The pump is still dry on Squad 2. Still being investigated.

New tires in the brush truck are good.

The DEEP grant is still on hold, but may be starting to move forward again.

**New Business:**

We received a price on the cold water rescue suits for around \$800. These can be taken out of the appeal letter.

Deputy Chief Hiller shared that the Fire School is offering a Train-the-Trainer for ATV and UTV safety.

At the next company meeting, we will discuss whether to use company funds to buy radios.

David Mann had raised a suggestion to have the website changed to colebrookfire.org. We also own colebrookfire.com. Deputy Chief Hiller thanked him and plans to raise this at a future joint meeting.

Captain Sartirana is checking on the anti-freeze leak in Squad 2. It is an ongoing issue, and Brandon found multiple leaks. It sat out in their yard for awhile. Hopefully there will not be any other issues.

The portable radio in the Brush Truck has been damaged but not sure how. Please let Captain Sartirana or someone else know if something is broken. Accidents happen: if something happens, please let someone know. It still works but the knobs need to be repaired.

A motion was made by Maureen Bascetta to allocate funds to purchase two cold water rescue suits. T.J. Strahan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Chief's Report:**

Chief Sean Barry talked about the Trail Riders fundraiser that will be coming up in May 17-19. He also reported that Stokes Basket Wheel has been purchased, and this was funded by the grant.

The new software for officers that do incident reporting are up and running in the new software.

The Town budget is in progress, and the Chief has been partnering with the 1st Selectman on trying to increase the budget for Fire expense, Fire capital and also First Responders. Deputy Chief Hiller commended Chief Barry and 1st Selectman Bremer for increasing the resources dedicated to Fire and First Responders compared to prior years.

**For the good of the Company:**

Being no further business, a motion was made by Bryce Zygmont and seconded by Steve Sartirana to adjourn the meeting at 20:05 hours.

The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned following the pledge of allegiance. Bryce Zygmont asked everyone to go outside and be in a photo with the truck as he had been driving it for 16 years.

Respectfully submitted,

**Elizabeth Norman**

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Secretary