

**Colebrook Fire Department
Forge Company
December 6, 2022, Monthly Meeting Minutes**

Attendance: Todd Hiller, Steve Sartirana, Terry Phelan, Dan Butler, Bill Hiller, Maureen Bascetta, Chris Johnstone, Tim Strahan, Shawn Thibault, Rick Tillotson, Bob Bull, Chief Bartlett

Deputy Chief Todd Hiller called the regular monthly meeting of the Colebrook Fire Department Forge Company to order at 19:05 hours.

Reading and approval of minutes:

Deputy Chief Hiller presented the minutes from the September meeting. With there being no discussion or amendments to the minutes, a motion was made by Steve Sartirana and seconded by Tim Strahan to accept the minutes as read. The motion passed unanimously.

Report of Treasurer and bills for payment:

Treasurer Rick Tillotson 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 Bill Hiller to accept the report as read. The motion passed unanimously.

Communications, correspondence, and notices:

A \$500 donation was received from the Colebrook Associates for the First Responders.

A \$250 donation was received from the Colebrook Lions Club for the First Responders.

Secretary will send thank you letters to both organizations.

Report of Committees:

The new truck committee reported that due to supply line issues the chassis will not be delivered in December and has been delayed until May 2023. This will not affect the funding for the purchase. The committee will go to the Tolland Fire Department on January 29, 2023, to work on compartment layout.

The investigation committee presented information on applicant John Parenteu. John was found favorable by the committee. A motion was made by Tim Strahan and seconded by Terry Phelan to accept John Parenteu into membership. A vote was taken by paper ballot and John was voted into membership by a unanimous vote.

Admission of applications for new membership:

No new membership applications were presented.

Old Business:

The Christmas party was a success. Forty-six children attended the party.

Turnout gear was returned from Dan Hiller. He will return his dress uniform next week.

Dan Butler returned a pager that was given to him by former member Jessie Gagnon.

Deputy Chief Hiller thanked everyone who attended the live burn.

Congratulations to Tim and Chris for obtaining their Q License to drive the apparatus.

Annual appeal letter was approved by the Chief and will be sent to Goulet Printers for printing and mailing.

With the price of fuel oil please be aware of a potential rise in the use of space heaters in homes. This could also cause an increase in potential carbon monoxide emergencies and chimney fires.

We will work on purchasing non-perishable foods for the station to be used in the event the station is utilized as an emergency shelter.

We received the gear washer from the Winsted Fire Department. We will coordinate with the plumber for installation.

SCBA compressor has been temporarily powered up. The compressor company has sent the computer board out to be reprogrammed should have a report on its status in two weeks.

Overhead door switch on the rescue bay has been replaced.

The floor in the meeting room will be repaired with a flexible joint. The floor will also be cleaned and waxed.

Lieutenant Phelan contacted Jim Warner with DEEP regarding the use of Peoples Forest for training. Mr. Warner stated that we could use Peoples Forest anytime, just contact him prior to using.

New Business:

A thank you was received from the Norfolk Fire Department for our response the gasoline tanker accident on Route 44.

Nomination sheets for the department and company officers have been posted on the white board in the meeting room. The department meeting will be held on January 9, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Center Station. The Forge Company meeting will be held on January 10, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Forge Station.

The Cold-Water Rescue training to be held on December 13, 2022, will be rescheduled.

Rick Tillotson will work on obtaining accountability tags for the new members.

Northwest Community College will be conducting CEU's for medical responders. They will also be holding an EMT class in the spring.

The dirt portion of Beach Hill Road is now closed for the winter season.

The Brush Truck should be completed and returned within the next two weeks.

A work detail has been scheduled to install Christmas Lights on the station for 9:00 a.m. on December 10, 2022. Please make every effort to attend.

The Gator Parade in Winsted will be held on December 17, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. A work detail has been scheduled for 12:30 p.m. to decorate Engine 2 for the parade. Please make every effort to attend.

The application for the Berkshire Trail Riders Grant will be completed and submitted by Deputy Chief Hiller.

The annual SCBA flow test and inspection has been completed by Firematic. No issues were reported.

The annual DOT inspections of Engine 2 and Rescue 8 were completed by First Due Maintenance.

Chief's Report:

The DEEP fire crew applications are available for 2023. Applications must be postmarked by December 22, 2022. Anyone interested please contact the Chief.

The Department Officers nomination sheet has been posted.

Eleven families in town are being considered as in need. It could increase to fourteen. A motion was made by Terry Phelan and seconded by Tim Strahan to appropriate up to \$750.00 for Forge Companies cost share to provide gifts to the families in need.

For the good of the Company:

No items were brought forth for the good of the company.

Being no further business, a motion was made by Terry Phelan and seconded by Tim Strahan to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 20:05 hours following the pledge of allegiance.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Sartirana

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Captain