

Foster Center Volunteer Fire Company

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The June 8, 2015 monthly meeting of the Foster Center Volunteer Fire Company was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Christine Hanson. There were 16 members present.

The Secretary's report was read and accepted. The monthly statistical have been posted. There were a total of 18 calls for the month of May.

The Chief's report was read and accepted. Chief Marsland met with RI EMA Director Gainer and discussed our not being able to communicate with EMA with our current 800 MHz portables. We have been in touch with EMA's communication director who donated 6 portable radios to our station. One radio will be installed in the office and the others will be installed at no charge.

Amateur radio classes will start the middle of September and classes will be free for FCVFC personnel. Cybercom has said that our antenna is at maximum capacity. Stephen Hodell is donating an 800 MHz radio antenna to the fire company. The owner of Global Defence donated two VHF HT1000 portable radios.

We received an old skid unit which includes a 100 gallon water tank, pump, and hose reel at no charge from the State Forestry Division.

DEM Division of Forestry now requires a fire report filled out and faxed to them. If the report is not completed and filled in we will not get forestry hose from them.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted showing a grand total cash amount of \$16,631.78.

Committee Reports

Ways & Means : Balance in the checking account is \$371.03. Memorial Day Parade went well and we received donations of \$47.00. The fund raiser at A&W is still scheduled for July 20th.

Building : Charlie Hanson received a quote of \$1,993.00 from Palmer Door to replace the side door. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to fix the door.

Fire Alarm & Communications : Chief Marsland reported the lease program that we were looking into for the portable radios is not a good deal. We will keep our radios for now.

Rescue Captain : All in service. Have not heard from Ron Fotit concerning the heart monitor. Deputy Chief Paul will contact him again in a couple of weeks.

Training : Going well. We had a live burn in Western Coventry and our members in the training did very well.

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Deputy Chief Bill Paul received a letter from the RI EMS thanking him for all of his service and all the work he has done for the Town of Foster.

Leagues : The Woonasquatucket Valley Fireman's League will meet on June 9, 2015.

Engineering Board : The board discussed accountability, and also discussed the ghost tone that went over the radio.

Equipment : Engine 3 filler line is leaking. Brush 3 is out of commission.

List of Candidates : Resignation letter was read and accepted from Christopher Connors.

Old Business : Catherine and Chief Marsland went to the ATV dealer and we were approved for 0% interest for 48 months. The ATV cost \$14,245.00 and we will make monthly payments of \$296.77. It includes a bed liner and a 4000 lb winch.

New Business : The following is a list of the officers for the 2015-2016 term. Chief Aaron Marsland, Deputy Chief Bill Paul, Captain Sal Calisle, Lieutenant Dave Heroux, President Christine Hanson, Vice-President Sue Sprague, Secretary Barbara Canuel, and Treasurer Catherine Bay.

The annual banquet will be held on August 1st at 4:00 PM at Guenter and Catherine Bay's house. It will be catered and there is a sign up sheet if you plan on attending.

The 1st annual Bike and Car show in honor of Evan Baker will be held on June 27th.

Chief Marsland has asked that when the reimbursement check comes in from the Safer Grant that we pay the bill for the fire gear.

Bills & Communications : A motion was made, seconded, and passed to pay the bills which totaled \$2,701.77.

Remarks for the Good of the Department : Chief Marsland and Deputy Chief Paul thanked everyone for all their work in preparation for the Memorial Day Parade. They also commended the officers on how nice they looked in their uniforms.

Adjournment : A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the June 8, 2015 meeting at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Canuel
Recording Secretary