

DUNN'S CORNERS FIRE DISTRICT

AND

BRADFORD FIRE DISTRICT

FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT

This AGREEMENT, effective June 1, 2016 by and between DUNN'S CORNERS FIRE DISTRICT, a quasi-municipal corporation chartered by the legislature of the State of Rhode Island and having a mailing address of One Langworthy Road, Westerly, RI 02891 (hereinafter referred to as "DUNN'S CORNERS") and BRADFORD FIRE DISTRICT, a quasi-municipal corporation chartered by the legislature of the State of Rhode Island and located in Westerly, RI 02891, (hereinafter referred to as "BRADFORD").

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, DUNN'S CORNERS is a quasi-municipal corporation chartered by the legislation of the State of Rhode Island and is authorized to provide the fire protection to areas of the Towns of Westerly and Charlestown, as described in its charter, as amended; and

WHEREAS, BRADFORD is also a quasi-municipal corporation chartered by the legislation of the State of Rhode Island and is authorized to provide fire protection to the area commonly known as the Village of Bradford in the Town of Westerly, as described in its charter as amended;

WHEREAS, DUNN'S CORNERS presently maintains an active firefighting department (the Dunn's Corners Fire Department, a Rhode Island fire department corporation hereinafter referred to as "Fire Department") that is willing to provide fire protection services to BRADFORD on a fee basis; and

WHEREAS, DUNN'S CORNERS and BRADFORD each deem it desirable and in the general public interest to enter into a written contract for DUNN'S CORNERS to provide fire protection services to BRADFORD upon the terms herein stated; and

WHEREAS, By agreement effective through May 31, 2016, DUNN'S CORNERS provided fire protection to BRADFORD and also has agreed to provide further fire protection to BRADFORD after that date; and

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions contained herein and for other valuable consideration BRADFORD hereby agrees and contracts with DUNN'S CORNERS for adequate fire protection for real and personal property in the incorporated area of BRADFORD for the term and payment and other provisions herein expressed and DUNN'S CORNERS agrees to furnish said fire protection for real and personal property in the incorporated area of BRADFORD for the term and payment and other provisions herein expressed.

ARTICLE I

FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT PROVISIONS

A. DUNN'S CORNERS will respond to any call for the extinguishment of a fire or other emergency situations occurring in or impacting the incorporated area of BRADFORD, including the use of other fire companies for backup support, unless DUNN'S CORNERS is unable to respond to such call because of (a) events constituting a force-majeure or, (b) another emergency to which it has previously responded and which requires use of all available resources. It is the intent of the parties hereto that DUNN'S CORNERS shall respond to the same situations and render the same services to BRADFORD that is currently provides to the property owners of DUNN'S CORNER during the term of this agreement.

B. DUNN'S CORNERS agrees to maintain adequate and sufficient equipment and facilities, provide adequate personnel and training and maintain adequate and sufficient protocols with other fire companies for backup support, in all cases, sufficient to provide adequate fire protection service to BRADFORD and any other fire district or entity with which it contracts to provide fire protection services.

C. It is further understood and agreed that for and in consideration of the monies paid by BRADFORD pursuant to this contract, DUNN'S CORNERS shall defend, indemnify and hold BRADFORD harmless for any and all liability, causes of action, damages, loss and/or expense incurred by BRADFORD arising out of DUNN'S CORNERS operations in the Bradford Fire District, including any loss or damage to or expenses incurred in the operation of fire apparatus or other equipment belonging to DUNN'S CORNERS and the cost of any materials used in connection with any call for assistance thereto, unless said liability, causes of action and damages, loss or expense was caused by the negligence or intentional acts of BRADFORD.

D. DUNN'S CORNERS, as owner or lessee of the equipment to be used in answering calls from assistance in BRADFORD, agrees that it will assume full responsibility for injuries to persons or property or deaths resulting from DUNN'S CORNERS' negligence in the operation of any such equipment while answering any such calls and will obtain liability insurance therefore, DUNN'S CORNERS shall provide BRADFORD with a Certificate of Insurance evidencing the existence of such insurance, which Certificate shall name BRADFORD as an additional insured. Such Certificate shall also provide for thirty (30) days prior written notice to BRADFORD of the cancellation or failure to renew such policy.

E. DUNN'S CORNERS shall have the right to bill individual landowners and residents of BRADFORD for the cost billed to DUNN'S CORNERS of contracted specialized services to a response site where DUNN'S CORNERS does not have the specialized capability or equipment, such as hazardous materials incidents. Any such billing will be consistent with billings to individual landowners and residents of DUNN'S CORNERS for similar contracted specialized services.

F. It is expressly understood and agreed that the number of firefighters and the nature of equipment dispatched in answer to calls, the manner of fighting fires, and other operations at the scene of a fire, accident or other incident to which DUNN'S CORNERS is called, are matters within the judgment of the fire chief of DUNN'S CORNERS, or his designee who may be in

charge at the time, and there shall be no liability upon BRADFORD for any mistake of judgment in connection therewith.

G. (1) DUNN'S CORNERS shall provide to BRADFORD any and all such incident reporting information as DUNNS CORNERS may from time to time be required to provide to the State of Rhode Island. The information that shall be provided shall be in such form and shall contain such information as required by the State of Rhode Island.

(2) DUNN'S CORNERS agrees that annually it shall file with BRADFORD an up-to-date list of all Officers of DUNN'S CORNERS, including all members of the Operating Committee.

H. It is hereby mutually covenanted and agreed that the relationship of DUNN'S CORNERS to the services to be performed by it under this contract shall be that of an independent contractor.

I. DUNN'S CORNERS shall at all times comply with all applicable laws, statutes, codes, rules and regulations.

ARTICLE II

TERM AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE

A. In consideration of the fire protection provided to BRADFORD during the term of this agreement, BRADFORD agrees to pay DUNN'S CORNERS as provided herein.

B. The term of this agreement shall be from June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2019, during which period DUNN'S CORNERS agrees to provide the fire protection services described hereunder to BRADFORD beginning at 12:00 Midnight on June 1, 2016 and ending at 12:00 Midnight, May 31, 2019.

C. The annual monetary payment to be paid DUNN'S CORNERS by BRADFORD for fire protection services provided herein shall be the product of the total the BRADFORD property tax assessment as of December 31st of the previous year (as determined by the Westerly Tax Assessor) multiplied by the mil rate determined by DUNN'S CORNERS, then said product to be reduced by the DUNN'S CORNERS administrative savings and collection up-charges percentage. This amount shall be the Annual Payment.

The administrative savings can be calculated from any annual DUNN'S CORNERS budget. Budgeted tax collections, accounting and audit fees divided by the total budget amount. The collection up-charge percentage can be calculated from the resolution approved by the DUNN'S CORNERS taxpayers covering total taxes to be collected at any Annual Meeting. For example, for the 2015-16 budget year, the administrative fee discount percentage was 4% and the collection up-charge rate was 3% for a total of 7%.

D. Remittance of said Annual Payment shall be in two (2), equal installments, the first installment being due by December 1st and the second installment being due by February 1st both payments timing **TO BE OF THE ESSENCE**.

E. Any and all fees, penalties and/or other monetary compensation stemming from inspections performed by the DUNN'S CORNERS Fire Chief, his qualified subordinates or other qualified DUNN'S CORNERS personnel shall be the fees, penalties and/or other monetary compensation of DUNN'S CORNERS and handled therein as it is in that fire district and shall not in any way act as any type of credit or other benefit to BRADFORD.

F. In the event that DUNN'S CORNERS receives grants or other sources of income other than from taxpayer assessments and fees or from contracting districts, such as BRADFORD, those grants and other sources of income will be applied to specific expense items. Such expense items will not be included in the DUNN'S CORNERS budget nor apply in any way to this agreement with BRADFORD.

ARTICLE III

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

A. The parties hereto agree that the DUNN'S CORNERS fire chief shall be the authority having exclusive jurisdiction for any required permits or approvals relating to fire protection matters in BRADFORD during the term of this agreement.

B. Options: It is DUNN'S CORNERS intention to continue to provide fire protection to BRADFORD beyond the term of this Agreement and DUNN'S CORNERS and BRADFORD agree to meet by December 1, 2018 to discuss either DUNN'S CORNERS absorbing BRADFORD into its fire district or extending this Agreement. If no agreement is made by March 1, 2020, then this Agreement shall automatically extend for one (1) more year. If either party desires to not extend this Agreement, then written notice of such intent must be made 250 days prior to the end of the current term, or any extension thereof, of this Agreement.

ARTICLE IV

MISCELLANEOUS

A. This Agreement is executed by duly authorized individuals of the respective parties and is legally binding only after all approvals or consents (if any) of the taxpayers of each party have been obtained.

B. DUNN'S CORNERS is hereby prohibited from assigning, transferring, conveying, subletting or otherwise disposing of this agreement or of its right, title or interest in this agreement, or its power to execute this agreement, to any other person or corporation without the previous consent in writing of BRADFORD.

C. DUNN'S CORNERS and BRADFORD acknowledge that they are both subject to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law (Rhode Island General Laws Chapters 42-46) and the Freedom of Information Law.

D. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Rhode Island.

E. This Agreement constitutes the complete understanding of the parties.

F. No modifications of any provisions of this Agreement shall be valid unless in writing and signed by both parties.

G. No waiver of any breach of any provision of this Agreement shall be binding unless in writing and signed by the party waiving said breach. No such waiver shall in any way affect any other term or provision of this agreement or constitute a cause or excuse for a repetition of such or any other breach unless the waiver shall include the same.

H. It is understood and agreed by the parties that if any part, term or provision of this contract is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or in conflict with any laws of the State of Rhode Island or the United States of America the validity of the remaining portions of the provisions shall not be affected. The parties shall negotiate in good faith to replace any invalid or illegal provision with a valid and legal provision, which, to the extent possible will preserve the economic effect of the invalid or illegal provision.

I. Any Notices in writing required to be given to DUNN'S CORNERS shall be hand-delivered or sent by regular mail, postage prepaid, to the following address:

Chief Michael Frink
One Langworthy Road
Westerly, RI 02891

COPY TO:

Atty Michael Cozzolino
80 Beach Street
Westerly, RI 02891

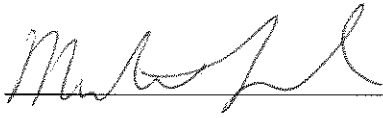
Any Notice in writing required to be given to BRADFORD shall be hand-delivered or sent by regular mail, postage prepaid, to the address of the then current Moderator of BRADFORD.

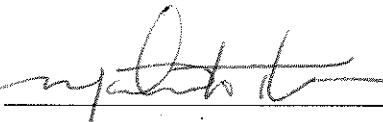
COPY TO:

Jon D. Lallo, Esq.
42 Granite Street
Westerly, RI 02891

In witness whereof the parties hereto have caused this agreement to be executed on their behalf by their duly authorized officers on the dates indicated below.

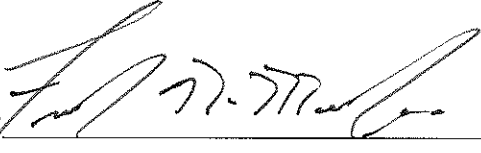
DUNN'S CORNERS FIRE DISTRICT

By: 
Michael Frink, Chief

By: 
Matthew H. Thomsen, Moderator

Date: _____

BRADFORD FIRE DISTRICT

By: 

Date: _____

**BRADFORD FIRE DISTRICT
DUNN'S CORNERS FIRE DISTRICT
EQUIPMENT LEASE**

Bradford Fire District, herein referred to as **Lessor**, hereby leases to **Dunn's Corners Fire District and Department**, herein referred to collectively as **Lessee**, and **Lessee** hereby leases from **Lessor**, the following personal property listed on Exhibit A, attached hereto and made apart hereof, and referred to hereafter as the **Property**.

**SECTION ONE
TERM OF LEASE**

The term of this lease shall commence June 1, 2016 and shall terminate on May 31, 2019 at 12:00 Noon.

**SECTION TWO
PAYMENT OF RENT**

In consideration for the leasing of the property, **Lessee** agrees to provide **Lessor** as rent for the **Property** the fire protection service as dictated in the Agreement that this lease is an Exhibit of.

**SECTION THREE
USE AND PRESERVATION OF PROPERTY**

Lessee shall use the **Property** in a careful and proper manner, shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations, and shall maintain the property in good repair and condition and make sure that said **Property** is properly insured to protect both **Lessor** and **Lessee**. **Lessee** hereby assumes all risks of loss and damage to the **Property** from any cause whatsoever and agrees that the **Property** will be returned to **Lessor** in the same condition as when received, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

Lessor shall reimburse **Lessee** for any costs related to bringing the **Property** up to the standards established by the State of Rhode Island.

**SECTION FOUR
TERMINATION OF LEASE BY DEFAULT**

If **Lessee** fails to perform any of the conditions or covenants of this lease, or removes or attempts to remove the **Property** from **Lessor's** property without first obtaining the written consent of **Lessor**, **Lessor** may terminate this lease and **Lessee's** right to possession of the

property, and immediately take possession of the property without demand on or notice to Lessee.

**SECTION FIVE
LESSOR'S RIGHT OF INSPECTION**

At all times during Lessee's business hours, Lessor shall have the right to enter the premises where the property is located for the purpose of inspecting the property.

**SECTION SIX
OBLIGATION TO PAY TAXES AND FEES**

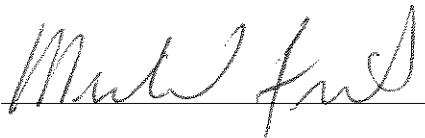
Lessee shall pay all license fees, assessments, and sales, use, property, and other taxes imposed on the Property, either directly or by reimbursement of lessor, excepting only taxes imposed on or measured by income of Lessor.

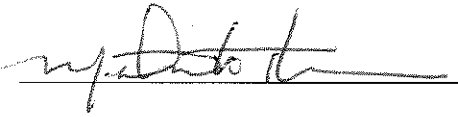
**SECTION SEVEN
LIMITATION OF WARRANTIES**

Lessee acknowledges that the Property is of a size, design, capacity, and manufacture selected by Lessee. Lessor has not made and does not make any representation, warranty, or covenant, express or implied, with respect to the condition of the property. Lessor shall not be liable for any liability, loss, or damage caused directly or indirectly by the Property, by any inadequacy thereof or defect therein, or by any incident in connection therewith.

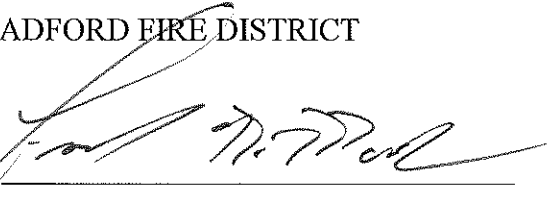
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DUNN'S CORNERS FIRE DISTRICT

By: 
Michael Frink, Chief

By: 
Matthew H. Thomsen, Moderator

BRADFORD FIRE DISTRICT

By: 

Date: _____

EXHIBIT A

1. Fire Truck and any and all other fire fighting equipment, including but not limited to other trucks, hoses, equipment, vehicles, etc.