

Dunn's Corners Fire District

1 Langworthy Road

Westerly, RI 02891

Minutes

Operating Committee Meeting

July 7, 2008

The Dunn's Corners Fire District Operating Committee (OC) convened on Monday, July 7, 2008, at 7:00 PM, at Station 1, 1 Langworthy Rd, Westerly, RI.

Attendees comprised of OC members John Merkel, Dan Schilke, Jonathan Schreier, Richard Hosp Mike Frink, Ken Martin and Dan Schilke. Also in attendance was District Clerk Steve White.

Actions of the OC (all votes unanimous unless otherwise noted):

1. Next Meeting: To be held on Monday, July 21, 2008, at 7:00 PM at Station #1.
2. Minutes from June 16, 2008 Meeting: Minutes of the June 16, 2008 meeting were approved.
3. Coverage Fire District Activities: John Merkel updated the committee on the recent activities involving the Coverage Fire Districts and their consultant.
4. Tax Rate for Businesses: The committee continued to review options for fairly offsetting the additional costs of providing services to the district's businesses. The proposals discussed continued to focus on setting up a different tax rate for businesses and/or revising the fee schedule to better reflect costs at the individual business level. The committee agreed to recommend to the taxpayers at the annual meeting a commercial inspection fee schedule. The committee agreed to recommend to the taxpayers charging a commercial business rate of 1.5 times that of the residential rate for tax year 2009-2010.
5. Financial Plans and 2008 Budget: The committee reviewed the details of the 2008/2009 budget and agreed to propose to the taxpayers a budget which is 17.% above the previous year's budget of which 4.6% was for general operating expenses and 12.4% represented the costs associated with the hiring of a full time chief.
6. Grange Septic System: The committee agreed to ask the taxpayers to move \$150,000 from the unrestricted fund of which \$100,000 will be moved to the restricted building and grounds fund primarily to be used to replace the failing Grange cesspool and other Grange repairs, and \$50,000 to the restricted truck fund.
7. By-Laws – The committee agreed to present to the taxpayers changes to the By-Laws to allow the Operating Committee set fees.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve White, District Clerk