

# Dunn's Corners Fire District

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## Minutes Operating Committee Meeting March 10, 2008

The Dunn's Corners Fire District Operating Committee (OC) convened on Monday, March 10, 2008, at 7:15 PM, in the Grange building, Post Road, Charlestown, RI.

Attendees comprised of OC members John Merkel, Dan Schilke, Jonathan Schreier, Mike Frink and Ken Martin. Richard Hosp was excused. Also in attendance were Grange Manager Matt Harris and Rich Vincent. In the absence of the District Clerk Steve White, Moderator John Merkel recorded the minutes. A quorum was present.

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

1. Grange Tour: Matt Harris conducted a tour of the Grange, showing the improvements that he and a large group of volunteers have accomplished. The Operating Committee thanked Matt for his efforts.
2. Next Meeting: To be held on Monday, March 24, 2008, at 7:00 PM at Station #1.
3. Minutes from February 25, 2008 Meeting: Minutes of the February 25, 2008 meeting were approved.
4. Grange Management: The committee decided to postpone a decision on the grange Assistant Manager. Jon Schreier will act as liaison to the Grange Manager to provide guidance. John Merkel will communicate these decisions to Matt Harris and Rich Vincent.
5. Fiscal Control and Responsibility Act: The Bill H-7164 has been introduced to the RI House of Representatives. It is almost word for word identical to the Senate Bill S-2659. It has been referred to the House Finance Committee. Neither Bill has been posted to a Committee agenda yet.
6. Insurance Coverage: The committee agreed to increase bonding to \$200,000 and umbrella coverage to 4/8 MM. The committee also agreed to consider increasing umbrella coverage to \$10/20 MM for the 2008-2009 budget.
7. Treasurer's Job Description: The committee finalized the Treasurer's job description and the format for the district's financial reports. These will be discussed with the Treasurer at the March 24, 2008 meeting.
8. Chief's Position: Dan Schilke will ask Steve White to start working on a benefits package. Ken martin agreed to work up expectations to communicate to Chief candidates.
9. Mandatory Retirement Age: The committee agreed to set the mandatory retirement age for the full time chief's position at 65 years.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Merkel, Moderator