

# **Dunn's Corners Fire District**

1 Langworthy Road  
Westerly, RI 02891

## **Minutes Operating Committee Meeting April 28, 2008**

The Dunn's Corners Fire District Operating Committee (OC) convened on Monday, April 28, 2008, at 7:10 PM, at Station 1, 1 Langworthy Rd, Westerly, RI.

Attendees comprised of OC members John Merkel, Dan Schilke, Jonathan Schreier, Mike Frink, Ken Martin and Richard Hosp. Also in attendance was District Clerk Steve White and representing the Coverage Districts Bob Byrnes, Bill Lester and Gail Mallard. A quorum was present.

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

1. Next Meeting: To be held on Monday, May 5, 2008, at 7:00 PM at Station #1.
2. Minutes from March 24, 2008 Meeting: Minutes of the March 24, 2008 meeting were approved.
3. Chief's position: The committee made a formal offer to the Chief Selection Committee's leading candidate to fill the position of paid full time Chief of the Dunn's Corners Fire District.
4. Tri Data Audit Discussion: The Operating Committee met with representatives of the Coverage Districts to discuss the districts' engagement of Tri Data, a consulting service which specializes in municipal fire protection. The representatives of the coverage districts stated that due to their lack of expertise in the area of fire protection a determination was made to bring in a consultant to help determine if their districts were paying fair value for fire protection services. They informed the committee that the consultant would also be reviewing the Misquamicut Fire District. The representatives also stated that information and recommendations provided by the consultant would be made available to the district. Such information potentially could be useful in improving the future operations of the district. At the conclusion of the discussion period the Operating Committee agreed to commit the resources necessary to aid Tri Data with the study.
5. Fiscal Control and Responsibility Act: There were no updates on the Fiscal Control and Responsibility Act house bill H-7164 and its companion bill in the senate S-2659.
6. Ladder Truck Committee Update: Ken Martin informed the committee that the Ladder Truck Committee has scheduled a series of meetings and was still in the process of reviewing different manufactures, specifications and pricing.
7. Rescue 3: The Committee once again voted not to provide any funding for the Westerly Ambulance Corps' Rescue 3.

8. Annual Meeting Notices: The committee discussed the content and timing for the 2008 Annual meeting notices including Operating Committee nominations.
9. Financial Plans and 2008 Budget: The committee agreed to begin reviewing and developing the 2008 Budget and Long Term Financial Plan at its next meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup>.
10. Operating Practices: The committee approved revisions to the Grange rental fees.
11. Blue Stone: The committee received an offer for the free removal of the excess blue stone at Station 1. After the discussion period, the committee opted to keep the blue stone for future use as walk way for the Grange Building.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve White, District Clerk