

# **Dunn's Corners Fire District**

1 Langworthy Rd  
Westerly, RI 02891

## **Minutes Operating Committee Meeting March 10, 2014**

The Dunn's Corners Fire District Operating Committee (OC) convened on Monday March 10, 2014 at 6:00 PM, in Fire Station #1.

Attendees were comprised of OC members Matt Thomsen, Jonathan Schreier, Tom Algieri, Ken Martin, Chief Mike Frink and Bob Delaney.

Additional attendees: Representatives from the Shady Harbor, Shelter Harbor and Bradford fire districts.

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

### **Agenda Items**

**Shady and Shelter Harbor Fire District Contracts** – Should the negotiations between the Dunn's Corners Fire District and The Shady Harbor and Shelter Harbor Fire Districts not be concluded in a timely manner the two contracting districts will exercise the option in the current contract that allows them to continue for a one year extension period under the terms of the current contract. This option is available because the DCFD did not notify the contracting districts of a potential change to the rates 250 days in advance of the termination date of the contract.

The Shady Harbor and Shelter Harbor Fire Districts made a power point presentation regarding their thoughts and observations of the current contract situation as well as suggestions regarding potential future contracts. This was followed by discussion, not including any negotiations with their representatives. It was agreed to meet again in April.

Both contracting districts Shady and Shelter were requested to provide information covering the mil rate amount of tax that they charge specifically for fire service in their districts.

**Bradford Fire District Contract** – The Committee along with a representative of the Bradford Fire District discussed the upcoming long-term contract for coverage of the Bradford Fire District. The topics of the discussion included:

- The need for a station in Bradford
- Vehicle/equipment lease
- Missing/unaccounted fore apparatus/equipment

- Assets and obligations of the Bradford Fire District
- Bradford Printing and Finishing situation

A variety of tasks were assigned to several members of the committee.

It was suggested that the Bradford District request the Town of Westerly to provide hydrants to the district without charge due to the amount of property that the town's land trust was taking over and off the tax rolls of Bradford.

It was suggested that Bradford's District talk with the Westerly ambulance corp. about the dispatching fee they are charged.

It was suggested that the Bradford District notify their insurer of missing equipment and trucks via certified mail.

It was suggested that the Bradford District consider selling two parcels of land and set the funds aside for a future station.

It was suggested that the Bradford District talk with the town of Westerly regarding any surplus land that could be leased similar to the deal that the Chamber of Commerce has.

**Previous Meeting Minutes** – *A motion was made seconded and so voted to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2014 meeting.*

**Next Operating Committee Meeting** - The next regular meeting of the Operating Committee is scheduled for 6:00 PM April 14, 2014 at Station 1.

**Treasurer's Report** – The Committee reviewed and accepted the financial statements through February 28, 2013.

The Dunn's Corners Fire Department Charter has been reinstated.

A motion was made seconded and so voted to use Operating Committee funds to cover the back fees for the department charter and to compensate the department Secretary for his work complying with the State required department meeting posting and reporting. Legislation is pending to strike this requirement for fire departments.

**Tax Collector's Report** – The next tax notices will go out in May.

### **Chief's Report**

There will be two new classification for fire department ISO ratings put into effect this coming July.

- 4/4 Based on mileage and distance to fire station and water supply

- 4 = fire station within five road miles, water supply within 1000 feet
- 4Y = fire station within 5 road miles, no water supply within 1000 feet

Work is beginning on the 2014-2015 District budget.

The District has submitted an AFG grant for a little over \$30,000. The grant has made it through the first round of reviews and the District is waiting for further information.

The Chief has been appointed to the State's Fire Education Training Committee.

**Public Comments**

No public comments.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

*Steve White*  
District Clerk