

Dunn's Corners Fire District

1 Langworthy Rd
Westerly, RI 02891

Minutes Operating Committee Meeting June 22, 2015

The Dunn's Corners Fire District Operating Committee (OC) convened on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at Station #1.

Attendees were comprised of the OC members Moderator Matt Thomsen, Ken Martin, Chief Mike Frink, and Treasurer Bob Delaney. Committee members Jon Schreier and Tom Algieri were excused. A quorum was present.

Additional Attendees: District Clerk Steve White

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

Agenda Items:

Pledge of Allegiance - The meeting started at 5:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Previous meeting minutes – *A motion was made seconded and so voted to approve the June 9, 2015 Operating Committee meeting minutes with a correction to the Department call numbers for May.*

Next OC Meeting – The next OC meeting will take place at Station #1 on Tuesday July 7, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Draft Budget 2015-2016 – The Chief presented a draft budget developed with the Board of Engineers for fiscal year 2015-2016 of \$945,234.00 which is an increase of 5.45% over the previous year with many of the capital items requested to be funded by the \$183,000 in proceeds received from the sale of Engine 2.

It was noted by the Committee that several one time items for capital improvement projects such as the \$15,000 for Grange building upgrades would come from surplus general funds in an effort to keep the tax rate unchanged from the previous year.

Additionally, the Committee reviewed capital items requested to be paid for from the proceeds of the sale of Engine 2 which included; a repeater site installation; bay door replacements for Station 1; a pond boat for rescue services; additional principal debt reduction; and an upgraded phone system.

The Committee will review the resolutions to go before the taxpayers to support the 2015/2016 fiscal plan and budget at its July 7, 2015 meeting.

Other Business:

Contracting Districts – Moderator Thomsen discussed his conversations with the Shelter Harbor Fire District (SHFD) regarding the potential of formalizing a 5-year agreement for fire protection services. The Moderator discussed the Committee’s desire for tax rate equalization with the DCFD taxpayers for future contracts. SHFD discussed equalization over a period of time to be spelled out in the contract.

Grange Building – The Committee authorized the that the *Quonochontaug Grange Exploratory Study Group* could move forward with having the building’s well which tested in good shape to be chlorinated by a licensed entity.

New Business - None

Correspondence – None

Public Comments:

Contract Language – Taxpayer J. Angelo suggested that the Committee consider incorporating an early termination clause in all future agreements with the contracting districts.

Executive Session:

Personnel Matters – The Committee went into executive session at 7:05 to discuss salary related matters.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35.

Steve White District Clerk