

Dunn's Corners Fire District

1 Langworthy Rd
Westerly, RI 02891

Minutes Operating Committee Meeting October 13, 2015

The Dunn's Corners Fire District Operating Committee (OC) convened on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at Station #2.

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

Additional Attendees: QBCFD Moderator, Friends of the Grange Representatives – Ron Meneo and Bill Meyer

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

Agenda Items:

Pledge of Allegiance - The meeting started at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Previous Meeting Minutes – The September meeting minutes will be approved at a future meeting.

Next OC Meeting – The next OC meeting will take place at Station #1 on Tuesday November 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Treasurer's Report - The Treasurer noted that a \$15,000 additional principal payment approved by the tax payers at the Annual Meeting on the Station 2 loan is reflected in the profit and loss statement but is not reflected in the balance sheet. The Treasurer will research the matter further.

Tax collections are coming in well and that second notices will be going out the first week of December.

The Committee accepted the financial statements through September 2015.

Chief's Report – The Committee reviewed a brief update of the Chief's report. It was noted that the District is still waiting on radio box PO costs. The new Station 1 doors have been ordered. The repeater grant has been approved but not for 800HZ.

Contracting Districts – The Committee noted that representatives of the QCBFD had met on September 18th with Moderator Thomsen and discussed starting negotiations on a contract

similar to those being negotiated with the Shady and Shelter Harbor Fire Districts. The QCBFD would like a cap on overall property valuation increases tied to the average increase of overall valuation for the DCFD as part of the new contract. The Committee discussed potential rates and held the matter over for further discussion at the November meeting. The Committee also discussed offering the standard contract to the Bradford Fire District.

Bradford Industrial Park – The Committee discussed members K. Martin and B Delaney’s responses to Moderator Thomsen’s questions regarding the proposed petition to be filed.

Friends of the Grange – Representatives of Friends of the Grange updated the Committee on the following:

- The organization has incorporated and has appointed officers.
- The organization is applying for tax exempt status.
- Some of the capital improvement projects have been started and completed;
 - Painting done
 - Electric nearly complete
 - Excavation work complete
 - Repaired flag pole
- The organization has sent a proposed lease to the Moderator.
- Friends of the Grange would like to get the lease done by year end

The Committee recognized the need to review all of the cost and priorities in detail. The Treasurer requested a monthly report on activities, fund raising, expenses etc. He suggested the group work with the historical society for the collecting and handling of funds.

Community Well – The Committee noted that Ken Burke of the RI Water Resource Board may be working on a “Community Well” or something similar.

West Beach Rd Property – The Treasurer stated that he would like to see the property sold.

Chief’s Contract – Member Algieri stated he would like to see the Committee get to work on a contract for the Chief.

Charter Review Committee – Tabled

Shelter and Shady Harbor Fire District Contracts – Tabled

Executive Session – Tabled

Public Comments – none

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm

Ken Martin Clerk Pro-Tem