

Dunn's Corners Fire District

1 Langworthy Rd
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Minutes Operating Committee Meeting September 13, 2016

The Dunn's Corners Fire District Operating Committee (OC) convened on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at Station #2.

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

Additional Attendees: District Clerk-Steve White, Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District representative Bill Heep and Friends of the Quonie Grange board member Ron Meneo.

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 July 12, 2016 Operating Committee meeting minutes.*

The August meeting minutes were unavailable.

Annual Meeting Minutes – The Committee accepted the Draft 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes as published.

Next OC Meeting – The next OC meeting will take place at Station #1 on Tuesday October 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Selection of Moderator – *A motion made, seconded and so voted to appoint Matt Thomsen as Moderator for the 2016-2017 year.*

Appointment of Treasurer, Tax Collector and District Clerk – *A motion made, seconded and so voted to appoint Bob Delaney as Treasurer, Diane Nardone as Tax Collector and Steve White as District Clerk for the 2016-2017 year.*

Contracting Districts – The Committee clarified that the standard contract for the districts allows for the contracting districts to defer the amount of an annual increase above six percent over the previous year until the following fiscal year.

Friends of the Quonie Grange(FOTQG) – R. Meneo updated the committee on the following;

- The FOTQG committee is working with the Chief on developing a parking plan.
- The QOTQG is working on a 10 year plan.
- Bids are being obtained to repair the Grange's septic system line. The group is hoping that the DCFD would front some of the repair cost to be paid back by the group from operations over a multiyear period.
- The group has been working on grants for the renovation of the kitchen.
- There will be a cleanup day on October 15th.
- The September coffee open house had 134 attendees

The Chief stated that he was looking into having the tree behind the building which is rotting out removed.

Committee member J. Schreier noted that he has had the Grange's kitchen equipment listed on Craig's list with no takers. There is somebody willing to remove the equipment as scrap. Additionally, there has been no interest in the Ansell Fire Suppression System. It was noted that a member of the department was willing to remove the system for free. The system is still operational.

The committee approved the removal of the Ansell System by the department member.

Committee member J Schreier discussed the Operating Committees concerns regarding the thermostat being set very high by the "Hot Yoga Class" being conducted at the facility. It was noted that a higher usage fee may need to apply given the increase in utility costs.

Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District (QCBFD) - Bill Heep on behalf of QCBFD was at the meeting to continue the discussions regarding a new contract. Mr. Heep noted that he did not believe a new contract could be completed in time for their annual meeting. His take away from the August meeting was that he believed there may have been some consideration on the part of the DCFD to develop a different methodology for calculating the contract rate other than using a mil rate tied to the grand list.

Committee members Algieri and Schreier who were not in attendance at the August meeting reiterated the position that no contracting district would receive a better deal than the DCFD tax payers and that the standard contract is all that would be considered. The opinions were reaffirmed by the majority of the committee.

B. Heep once again requested a copy of the standard contract offer which he stated he is yet to receive. Chief Frink promised to provide a copy the next day.

The Committee will continue to work QCBFD on resolving the contract matter.

Correspondence – None

Public Comments – Taxpayer James Angelo inquired if a statement of work had been prepared for the Granges septic system repairs. The Committee noted that a standard set of criteria will be provided to all bidders.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45.

Steve White District Clerk