

Dunn's Corners Fire District

1 Langworthy Road

Westerly, RI 02891

Minutes

Operating Committee Meeting

October 10, 2017

The Dunn's Corners Fire District Operating Committee (OC) convened on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Station #1.

Attendees were comprised of OC members Rich Thomsen, Bob Delaney, interim Chief Keith Kenyon, Ken Martin, Matt Thomsen and Jeff Thomas. A quorum was present.

Other Attendees: Steve White District Clerk, Ron Meneo representing the Friends of the Quonchontaug Grange (FOTQG) and Ron MacDonald representing Westerly Ambulance Corp (WAC).

Actions of OC (all votes unanimous unless otherwise noted).

Agenda Items:

Pledge of Allegiance – The meeting started as 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence – The committee observed a moment of silence in memory of past members of the department.

Executive Session – The committee went into executive session at 7:05pm with R. MacDonald from WAC to discuss the statuses of the dispatch agreement and the Bradford Industrial Park litigation.

The executive session ended at 7:59 pm and the regular public operating committee resumed at 8:00 pm.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to seal the minutes of the October 10, 2017 executive committee session.

Friends of the Quonchontaug Grange (FOTQG) – Ron Meneo spoke on behalf of the FOTQG, providing an oral report and written outline on the following:

- Proposed expansion of the west side parking area – the group is in the process of obtaining 3 bids to present to the committee for the next phase of the project.
- FOTQG Capital Campaign – R. Meneo noted that the capital campaign is proceeding well and that the group is hopeful that within the next 45 to 60 days the audio-visual upgrades will be installed. The upgrades will be funded by proceeds from the capital campaign.

- October 8th Coffee Break at Quonnie Grange – the group hosted a “Coffee Break” gathering on the Sunday. Attendance was less than hoped for possibly due to the 3-day weekend.
- Disposition of old dishes, kitchenware, etc. – the group discussed with the committee donating the old dishes and kitchenware to either the Johnnycake Center, or WARM Shelter or similar organization. The committee approved moving forward with donating the items.
- The committee had no questions for the group

Previous Meeting Minutes – *A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the September 19, 2017 meeting minutes.*

Next Meeting – The next meeting of the operating committee is scheduled for Tuesday November 14, 2017 at 7:00p at Station 1.

Action to Bond and Cover Expenses of District Check Signers – *A motion was made, seconded and so voted to bond and cover all expenses for the District’s check signers that may arise from adverse actions pertaining to payments made to volunteer fire fighters being processed as W2 income.*

Treasurer’s Report – Bob Delaney reported that the finances are in line with budget. He noted that the contracting district invoices would be going out shortly and that the contracting districts have compared our valuation data to their own.

Additionally, he stated that cashflow was good, the Personal Protection Equipment purchases and \$40,000 in radio upgrades would be coming from reserves.

The Treasurer requested the \$10,000 in funds approved at the annual meeting to pay down extra principal on the Station 2 loan. He noted that the balance of the loan will be below \$1.00 million by year-end.

A motion was made, seconded, and so voted to accept the Treasurer’s report and to authorize the Treasurer to make an additional \$10,000 principal payment on the Station 2 loan.

Chief’s Report – The Chief’s report was tabled.

Other Business – Treasurer Delaney requested that recognition of the 100-year anniversary of WAC be put on the November agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

Steve White, District Clerk