Dunn's Corners Fire District

1 Langworthy Road Westerly, RI 02891

Minutes Operating Committee Meeting September 16, 2008

The Dunn's Corners Fire District Operating Committee (OC) convened on Tuesday, September 16, 2008, at 7:00 PM, in Fire Station #1.

Attendees comprised OC members Mike Frink, Richard Hosp, Ken Martin, John Merkel, Dan Schilke and Jonathan Schreier. A quorum was present. Also in attendance was interested District resident, Daniel Velucci. In Clerk Steve White's absence, John Merkel took minutes.

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

- 1. <u>Minutes from previous meetings:</u> Minutes of August 13, 2008, meeting were approved. Minutes of the September 2, 2008, emergency meeting were approved, with a modification to the wording of item 2.
- 2. <u>Next meeting:</u> To be held Monday, October 6, 2008, at 7:00 PM at Fire Station #1.
- 3. <u>Action Items</u>: The commite reviewed the status of outstanding open action items.
- 4. <u>Fire horn noise suggestion</u>: A concerned resident of another Fire District called to suggest we consider disabling our fire alarm horn in light of the use of pagers to alert firefighters. Fire horn is needed as a backup to the pagers.
- 5. <u>CFD bills</u>: The OC agreed on fire protection fees for the Coverage Fire Districts (CFD's) for the 2008-09 fiscal year.
- 6. <u>Meeting with legal counsel</u>: Several members of the OC reported back on a meeting with legal counsel to determine our legal recourse to Weekapaug terminating our agreement. Research continues no actions agreed.
- 7. <u>Budget</u>: The OC developed a plan for adjusting spending to accommodate the Weekepaug exit. Proposal will be submitted to the voters for approval at the Special Meeting on September 24.
- 8. <u>CFD negotiations</u>: The OC agreed on a proposal to replace the August 26, 2008, proposal which was turned down by all four CFD's.
- 9. <u>Meet before Special Meeting</u>: The OC agreed to hold a meeting immediately before the Special Meeting, in case we needed to resolve last-minute issues.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Merkel, Moderator (on behalf of Steve White, Clerk)