

# Dunn's Corners Fire District

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## Minutes Operating Committee Meeting February 9, 2009

The Dunn's Corners Fire District Operating Committee (OC) convened on Monday, February 9, 2009, at 7:00 PM, in Fire Station #1.

Attendees comprised OC members Ken Martin, John Merkel, Dan Schilke and Jonathan Schreier. Mike Frink and Steve White were excused. A quorum was present. In Clerk Steve White's absence, John Merkel took minutes.

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

1. Minutes from previous meeting: Minutes of the January 12, 2009, meeting were approved as written, with three minor corrections.
2. Action items: The Committee reviewed the status of outstanding open action items.
3. Response to QCBFD: The Committee discussed the January 30, 2009, letter from the Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District. John Merkel was tasked with authoring our response, which would communicate (1) that we find it unacceptable that QCBFD has failed to pay their invoice in full and on time for the current year and (2) that we are out of time for negotiating a long-term agreement for future fiscal years.
4. Delinquent tax account collection: The Committee decided to initiate the first phase of Tax Assessor/Collector Ken Swain's proposed program for collecting delinquent taxes. Specifically Ken will send certified letters to all delinquent accounts.
5. Records audit status: John Merkel indicated that he and Steve White were continuing discussions with potential firms to perform our records audit.
6. Grange rental: The Committee agreed to give Wendy Rappaport her first month Grange rental at half-cost, in consideration of the inconvenience caused her by several District communication errors. John Merkel also informed the Committee of a recent inquiry from the South County Nature Conservancy into using the Grange.
7. Chief 6-month performance review: The Committee discussed Chief Frink's performance during his first six months in office. We all agreed he was progressing satisfactorily and agreed to increase his salary by 3%, effective January 7, 2009.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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