

Dunn's Corners Fire District

1 Langworthy Road
Westerly, RI 02891

Minutes Operating Committee Meeting July 15, 2009

The Dunn's Corners Fire District Operating Committee (OC) convened on Wednesday, July 15, 2009, at 7:00 PM, in Fire Station #1.

Attendees comprised OC members Mike Frink, Ken Martin, John Merkel, Jonathan Schreier, Steve White and Dan Schilke. A quorum was present.

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

1. Minutes: Minutes of the June 15, 2009 meeting were approved.
2. Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Operating Committee is scheduled for August 11, 2009.
3. Budget Review: The committee reviewed the QCB billing, the potential of default on all or part of the billing by QCB for the 2009 – 2010 fiscal year and the impact of these uncertainties on the budget. The committee agreed to recommend to the taxpayers that the district proceed with a budget that did not include revenues from QCB and to credit any proceeds that may be received from QCB to the general fund.
4. Mill Rate Review: The committee reviewed the mill rate data provided by the tax assessor. The mill rates without QCB revenue are Westerly 33 cents and Charlestown 38 cents. The mill rate with QCB revenue billed and collected at the no contract rate would be Westerly 27 cents and Charlestown 32 cents.
5. Smokey the Bear Parade: The committee discussed potential public educational responses to the negative editorial on the Smokey the Bear Parade written by a taxpayer and published in the Westerly Sun.
6. False Alarm Fees: The committee discussed the potential of collecting fees from businesses and home owners for repeated false alarm calls.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve White, District Clerk