

Dunn's Corners Fire District

1 Langworthy Road
Westerly, RI 02891

Minutes

Special District Tax Payers Meeting

May 20, 2009

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm, Moderator John Merkel presiding.

Meeting was advertised in the Westerly Sun on Tuesday, May 13, 2009. Notice was posted at the Westerly Community Credit Union's Dunn's Corners Office, Dunn's Corners Market, Dunn's Corners Fire Station #1 on Langworthy Road, Dunn's Corners Mobile, Michael's Shell and Dunn's Corners Fire Station #2 on Post Road, Charlestown. The notice was posted on the district's website and the Rhode Island Secretary of State's eTown Crier site.

Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America was conducted.

There was a moment of silence observed for those who have passed on from families of members of the Dunn's Corners Fire Department.

The meeting Call was read by District Clerk Steve White. Twenty-two persons signed the attendance roster. A quorum was present.

2. Moderator John Merkel called for a motion to approve the following resolution;

RESOLVED: It is hereby resolved that the Dunn's Corners Fire District approves 5-year contracts with the Shelter Harbor and Shady Harbor Fire Districts substantially in agreement with the terms and conditions contained in the form presented at the May 20, 2009 DCFD Special meeting, with such minor changes as the Dunn's Corners Fire District Operating Committee may approve.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the resolution.

Discussion: Moderator Merkel provided an overview of the process and the contracts negotiated with the Shady and Shelter Harbor Fire Districts, a copy of which was provided to each of the attendees. There was general conversation both pro and con on cutting ties with those districts as well as Central Beach and going it alone. There was also discussion on the financial impact and the amount of time required for the contractual services provided to equalize the cost sharing of the lost revenue from the departure of the Weekapuag Fire District.

At the conclusion of the discussion period Moderator Merkel requested a voice vote. The resolution was approved by the unanimous voice vote of all the eligible voters attending the meeting.

3. Moderator John Merkel called for a motion to approve the following resolution;

RESOLVED: It is hereby resolved that twenty thousand and 00/100 (\$20,000.00) dollars be expended from the Building and Grounds Restricted Fund toward the purchase and installation at Station 1 of (1) a replacement furnace and (2) a new air conditioning system serving the Chief's and Fire Marshal's offices, the computer room and the meeting room.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the resolution.

General discussion followed which was focused primarily on the type of boiler system.

At the conclusion of the discussion period Moderator Merkel requested a voice vote. The resolution was approved by the unanimous voice vote of all the eligible voters attending the meeting.

4. Moderator John Merkel informed all attending that those wishing to nominate a district voter or be nominated for a position on the Operating Committee need to in accordance with the district's charter inform the Operating Committee by June 15, 2009. The Moderator also informed those in attendance that any recommendations for capital expenses for the 2009-2010 budget cycle need to be provided to the Operating Committee by its last regularly scheduled meeting in June 2009.
5. Westerly Town Councilman Christopher Duhamel informed the Operating Committee that the Westerly Town Council was willing to meet with the committee in an effort to better understand the Fire District's needs
6. Adjournment

A motion was made seconded and so voted by acclamation to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Dunn's Corners Fire District at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Steve White
District Clerk Dunn's Corners Fire District