

# Dunn's Corners Fire District

1 Langworthy Road  
Westerly, RI 02891

## Minutes Operating Committee Meeting August 3, 2009

The Dunn's Corners Fire District Operating Committee (OC) convened on Monday, August 3, 2009, at 7:00 PM, in Fire Station #1.

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

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

1. Minutes from previous meetings: Minutes of the June 15, 2009, Operating Committee meeting were approved with one correction. Minutes of the July 15, 2009, Annual Meeting were approved with several corrections.
2. Project Responsibilities: The Committee agreed on oversight responsibilities for several projects approved at the Annual Meeting:
  - o Audit engagement: Steve White and John Merkel;
  - o Car 1 replacement: Mike Frink and Dan Schilke;
  - o Turnout Gear/SCBA testing/replacement: Mike Frink.Responsibilities for grant-related projects will be assigned if and when grants are approved.
3. Tax Rate: The Committee approved the Tax Assessor's calculation of mill rates for 2009-10 at \$0.32 for Westerly and \$0.38 for Charlestown.
4. District Map: Jim Angelo asked the Committee about preparing a map showing the District boundaries. Mike Frink responded with a description of an ongoing project which will provide District boundaries and more.
5. Response to Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District (QCBFD): The Committee reviewed the latest (May 23, 2009) proposal from QCBFD. We agreed it would be most effective to meet with them in person to discuss further. John Merkel was tasked with setting up that meeting.
6. Open Government Summit: Mike Frink and John Merkel briefly reported on an Open Government Summit sponsored by the Attorney General's office that they attended on Friday, July 31. The Committee will begin adopting learnings from that conference in the near future.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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