

Dunn's Corners Fire District

1 Langworthy Road
Westerly, RI 02891

Minutes Operating Committee Meeting January 27, 2010

The Dunn's Corners Fire District Operating Committee (OC) convened on Wednesday January 27, 2010 at 6:00 PM, in Fire Station #1.

Attendees were comprised of OC members Jonathan Schreier, Steve White, Dan Schilke, and Matt Thompson. Ken Martin and Mike Frink were excused. A quorum was present.

Also in attendance was Ken Swain –District Tax Collector

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

1. Final review of proposed contract with Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District: OC members discussed the contract and reviewed the Moderator's planned presentation to the District's taxpayers. OC members approved the Moderator's Power Point Presentation with minor adjustment.
2. Public e-mails- Members discussed numerous e-mails, which the district received regarding the use of the \$65K proceeds from the contract if approved. All were asking for rebates. None were against the contract.
3. Tax Collectors Advisory: Collector Swain advised that the \$65K had to be taken into revenue and could not be returned to tax payers or expended in the current year for any purpose. No vote of the taxpayers could be taken at the 7:00pm meeting regarding the use of the \$65K, as it wasn't advertised. The collector believed that if rebated the average taxpayer would receive about \$14.00.
4. OC Member comments: the options for the \$65K included either payment against the highest interest rate debt or using the \$65K to reduce the taxpayer's bills for 2010-11. Members reported hearing that some members of the public thought that the funds would be expended for equipment, but that wasn't a consideration. Members suggested that a note be put on the tax bills that will be sent in 2010 stating how the \$65K was being used if the contract is approved at the 7:00pm Special Meeting.
5. Tax Collector's Stipend: Motion was made and approved to change the Tax Collector's payment time period to monthly rather than quarterly.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:33p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Delaney, Clerk