

Dunn's Corners Fire District
Operating Committee Meeting
April 27, 2021

The Dunn's Corners Fire District Operating Committee (OC) convened on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 6:30 PM at Station 1, One Langworthy Road, Westerly, Rhode Island.

Attendees were comprised of OC members Chief Keith Kenyon, Bob Delaney, Ken Martin, Richard Thomsen, John Merkel and Attorney Michael Cozzolino. A quorum was present.

Other Attendees: Quonochontaug Central Beach Moderator and Treasurer.

John Merkel coordinated the meeting.

Actions of OC (all votes unanimous unless otherwise noted).

Agenda Items:

Pledge of Allegiance – The meeting started at 6:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Other Business

Contracting District Contracts – Bob asked about minutes of QCB Fire District and was the contract discussed. Moderator of QCB indicated that contract did not come up. Moderator has put things out to bid and realized they could save money on water and garbage. Her concern is the calculation for the fire service. She knows historically this is the way it was calculated as we are doing it, but why use total assessed value. All of this has nothing to do with the service they receive from DCFD.

Attorney Cozzolino indicated that the billing rate is set by standards that are to be followed. John indicates what they do with their budget is their business. Moderator feels basing contract on assessed value is at a point that it is high enough. John feels this can be talked about. Maybe try and sell it to our taxpayers to cap the amount

Chief indicates land is a fire threat as much as a house fire, and any negligence on land could cause a house fire.

Bob indicated that since 2007 we now have a full time Chief, and we had to hire a full time Fire Marshall. All these costs have increased for DCFD.

John will work with Sue and Mike to get a year contract in place.

Budget: Bob went through line items.

June 23 is date for tax sale. Working on paying off Chief's Yukon loan.

300-800 categories – Bob went through specific items; Chief feels amounts are adequate for the Deputy Chiefs.

1000 categories - Chief feels they are minimal - He will go over further.

Bob asked about health and safety physicals. Chief indicated all members are going through their own insurance.

Bob asked about computes – Mary indicated all were replaced this year.

Public Comments – NONE

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Linda F Garabedian, District Clerk