

Dunn's Corners Fire District
Operating Committee Meeting
July 13, 2021

The Dunn's Corners Fire District Operating Committee (OC) convened on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6:30 PM at Station One, One Langworthy Road, Westerly, Rhode Island.

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

Other Attendees: Friends of the Quonochontaug Grange.

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.

Next Meeting – The next meeting of the Operating Committee will be Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 6:30 PM at Station 1.

Previous Meeting Minutes – *A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2021 Operating Committee meeting.*

FOTQG Report – Rental are status quo, rentals continue to be more limited than usual;

Acknowledgement of FOTQG Lease Extension – John acknowledged we have received the interest of the Grange for extension for next five years.

Butler/Caterer's Kitchen – warming ovens approved and ordered; locks installed, access information provided to Chief and DCFD Liaison

Upcoming/Ongoing Maintenance items – shingling east and north side; recommendation that the east side shingling be completed this year, bid process underway;

Recommending East side shingling – bidding process is going on now.

No questions.

Bob Delaney and John Merkel thanked them for all their efforts

Treasurer's Report – Bob Delaney reported as follows:

Tax Sale was conducted last month and it was very successful. There were ten accounts in all and deeds were filed with the Towns.

Balance of taxes of past due total about \$20,000.00.

The District's total loans are under \$500,000.00 and the District is in good shape. The Auditors are coming August 25, 2021.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Tax Assessors/Collector's Report – Rosalind Choquette was not present.

No report was given.

Chief's Report – Chief Kenyon reported the following for May

There were 37 F.C.; 7 EMS for a total of 44; Fire Marshall 16 residential, 8 plan reviews;

\$2,500 reimbursement was received from D.E.M.

Drafting next D.E.M. grant to help purchase foam and other miscellaneous equipment.

Jim Angelo asked the type of foam. Chief indicated it's a Class A foam.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the Chief's Report.

Moderator's Comments – John Merkel states in good shape with contracting Districts. Shelter Harbor has executed contract. Central Beach has executed a one-year contract.

Bob Delaney thinks we should send a representative to the next Central Beach Meeting.

John is still working on Public Records Request Form.

John indicated that a draft of the Chief's contract has been sent.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the Moderator's Report.

Other Business

West Beach Road Property – Bob Delaney spoke to Karen Jarrett of Charlestown Land Trust and they may be interested in this Property, waiting to hear from DEM regarding grant money to purchase.

Credit Card Reward Points – John Merkel is working on reward points with Mary Rathbun, Bob Delaney and former Chief.

Nominating Committee – there was discussion regarding nominees for two openings.

Budget Proposal for 2021 Annual Meeting –

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Proposed Budget for 2021/2022.

Bob Delaney thinks we should give notice to Bradford Fire District regarding any funds needed for truck repair

Bob Delaney also questioned the status of the list of roads in the Central Beach district needing attention due to high-speed bumps or poor travel conditions.

Public Comments – NONE

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Linda F Garabedian, District Clerk