

**Dunn's Corners Fire District**  
**Operating Committee Meeting**  
July 12,, 2022

The Dunn's Corners Fire District Operating Committee (OC) convened on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 6:30 PM at Station One, One Langworthy Road, Westerly, RI;

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

Other Attendees: Friends of the Quonochontaug Grange and Attorney Michael Cozzolino.

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.

Previous Meeting Minutes – Minutes of June 14, 2022 Operating Committee were filed with no changes.

FOTQG Report –

Rental Updates: On schedule based on last year. Watching expenses carefully.

Maintenance Contracts –

Verizon Transition – Still working on it. Tom Doyle is the contact person.

Upcoming/Ongoing Maintenance Items –

Crushed asphalt needs to be repaired again. Five yards should be plenty. There is a member who will fix some minor repairs.

Shingling East and North Side – is still on track for mid to late September, 2022.

Ann will continue to work on ARPA letter and get it to Bob Delaney.

Ann thanked the Committee for keeping the budget down and the mill rate good.

Treasurer's Report – Bob Delaney gave the following report:

The district remains in excellent financial condition.

Continuing to work on close out for the year. There is a loss of a little over \$4,000.00. 401K catch up payments were made. The Tower note of approximately \$113,000.00 was paid off.

We are tracking fine for the new year.

Tax Assessors/Collector's Report – Rosalind Choquette, Tax Assessor reported the following:

The office will continue to send notifications to taxpayers until the end of July and which time preparation begins for new tax season.

Bank requests are coming in for new tax accounts, and Assessor continues to download into the system and forward to the banks.

For the month of June, the office collected \$7,222.00.

The office continues to answer phone calls and emails in a timely manner.

Bob asked should fee be increased to \$3.00 per billing. Rosalind asked should it be charged more than once. Discussion was had.

Chief's Report – Chief Kenyon reported as follows:

Fire Calls 35; EMS 5 for a total of 40. Fire Marshall – 4 residential CO; 2 commercial plan reviews.

Training Hours 712 hours.

The Cottrell bridge is still closed and arrangements have been made for assistance if needed.

Responded to the fire on Atlantic Avenue to assist Misquamicut Fire Department. Minimal damage was had on upstairs floor.

The Ladder truck helped at Shannock Tower getting it back up and running after the fire at the Tower.

Verizon is still a work in progress.

Two side doors to be installed at Station 1 next week.

The Smokey the Bear parade is all set for July 21, 2022.

CARE/ARPA Act –

Charlestown letter was accepted and on the agenda of July 18,2022. Chief is planning on attending meeting. There was a total of \$93,000.00 in funds asked for from Charlestown.

The Town of Westerly will work on this matter in the fall.

Moderator's Comments –

John indicated that Bob Delaney, Mary Rathbun and Steve White were working on 401K changes for employees.

John had received a message from a person regarding the status of BDA/460 Bradford Road, and he had instructed them to contact Attorney Michael Cozzolino. Bob Delaney reminded the Committee that it had been agreed upon not to spend any additional taxpayer funds relative to the Bradford Ind. Park location. The new owners were to give a deposit to Attorney Cozzolino in advance of any work that was to be done by him.

John read and reviewed all Resolutions to be presented at the Annual Meeting next week.

*A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Resolutions for the Annual Meeting.*

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John indicated the Sub-Committee to review the Department officers' resignations has not yet met, this matter of business carried over to next month.

Budget Proposal –

There is a 1.2% increase from last year. Salaries have increased and fuel expenses have also increased.

Station 2 utilities have gone up. The Department grant has increased. The annual NAPA testing has increased.

*A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the proposed Budget.*

Next Meeting – The next meeting of the Operating Committee will be Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 6:30 PM at Station 1.

Public Comments – NONE

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 PM

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Linda F Garabedian, District Clerk

