

**Dunn's Corners Fire District**  
**Operating Committee Meeting**  
August 9, 2022

The Dunn's Corners Fire District Operating Committee (OC) convened on Tuesday, August 9th, 2022 at 6:30 PM at Station One, One Langworthy Road, Westerly, RI;

Attendees were comprised of OC members - Richard Thomsen, Ken Martin, Bob Delaney, Chief Keith Kenyon, Bill Balcezak and Paul Gencarella. A quorum was present.

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

Robert Delaney 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 July 12, 2022 Operating Committee were filed with no changes.

FOTQG Report –

The Annual election took place last week.

Rental Updates: Watching expenses carefully.

Thank you event was very successful. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Maintenance Contracts –

Verizon Transition – Tom Doyle is the contact person. Chief indicated that there is a new contact at Verizon but he is working on it.

Bob Delaney stated that the shingling project should begin mid-month of September.

Bob Delaney stated new plantings and some clean up will be done in September. Ann asked that no one touch the Christmas tree.

The repair to the crushed asphalt parking area was completed.  
There were some repairs to wall that was done by Bill Wilson.

Jim Angelo asked about a Cape Cod berm for the water matter. Rich Thomsen indicated that it had not come up. Mike DiRobbio thought maybe he could look into it.

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

The district remains in excellent financial condition. The audit was scheduled for tomorrow, August 10, 2022. Everything was in line for the audit.

The Tower note of \$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 has been reviewing overpayments that have been made in past years which were not transferred from one year to the next. Overpayments existing from 2021/2022 will be forwarded to this billing cycle and any overage after 10/1/22 will be researched and a refund form will be sent out to taxpayers.

A report will be given to the Operating Committee at the October meeting of all overages that exist.

She feels we are on track and she indicated that bills will go out next week.

Chief's Report – Chief Kenyon reported as follows:

Fire Calls 30; EMS 10 for a total of 40. Fire Marshall – 6 residential CO; 2 commercial plan reviews.

Ladder truck had a hydraulic problem but it has been fixed and is back in service.

Station 1 heating/ac unit – a mini split unit is being looked into as a replacement.

Station 2 ac condenser has failed, working on pricing for a new compressor with a ten-year warranty if it is new.

The Smokey the Bear parade was the biggest ever and very successful.

CARE/ARPA Act –

Chief stated that \$42,200.00 has been awarded. The Town of Charlestown is only partially funding for now. The Town of Charlestown meeting was tonight and Chief had a representative at the meeting.

Moderator's Comments –

The Moderator position temporarily covered by Bob Delaney will be addressed again at the September Meeting.

Sub-Committee reviewing Department Officer Resignation:

Bill indicated that they have held two meetings. That the invitations are out and waiting to hear back from others that are needed to be met with. There is another meeting scheduled for next Tuesday.

Bob Delaney let the Operating Committee know that the mil rate for the coming year would be .407.

*A motion was made, seconded and approved for the mil rate of .407 to be charged to Dunn's Corners Fire District Taxpayers.*

Bob Delaney let the Operating Committee know that the mill rate to be charged to contracting districts would be .391 for the coming year.

*A motion was made, seconded and approved for the mil rate of .391 to be charged to the contracting districts.*

Resolution Discussion:

The fencing resolution – Tony from Dunn's Corners Market is in the middle of a few things. We will take lead on this and get some estimates. Dunn's Corner Market have been cleaning up in the area.

The Grange and Station 2 resolution – Mary Rathbun, Rich Thomsen and Bob Delaney are on the committee that is working on this resolution.

The siding resolution – Bill Balcezak, Bob Delaney and Bill Myers from the Grange are on this committee and are working on the siding matter.

Station 1 upgrade resolution – Chief and the officers are working on this resolution.

Replacement of Car 1 resolution – Chief is working on this resolution.

*Motion was made, seconded and approved of the appointment of Rosalind Choquette as Tax Assessor of the Dunn's Corners Fire District for the 2022/2023 year.*

*Motion was made, seconded and approved of the appointment of Robert Delaney as Treasurer of the Dunn's Corners Fire District for the 2022/2023 year.*

Next Meeting – The next meeting of the Operating Committee will be Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 6:30 PM at Station 1.

Old Business – Bill Balcezak is still waiting on mailing list from Rosalind Choquette so he may continue with the tree trimming letter to be sent out.

Public Comments – Jim Angelo asked the Chief if any three-story building needs a fire sprinkle system in Rhode Island. The golf course is building a five-story hotel and was wondering if they would need a sprinkler system and would they be required to upgrade the waterline. Chief indicated that sprinklers would most likely be required for a New five story hotel project at the golf course. All of the suppression requirements would be identified during the plan review process. Also we have not received any information or plans for a project of this type.

Jim wanted to know if there was a 20-second rule. Chief states it is more the distances not the amount of time needed to respond.

*Motion was made, seconded and approved to convene Executive Session to discuss with department chiefs the Department at 7:25 PM*

*A motion was made, seconded and approved to re-convene to Open Session.*

*A motion was made, seconded and approved to seal the Executive Session Minutes.*

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50 PM

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Linda F Garabedian, District Clerk