**Dunn’s Corners Fire District**

**Operating Committee Meeting**

February 11, 2025

The Dunn’s Corners Fire District Operating Committee (OC) convened on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 6:30 PM at Station One, Dunns Corners, Westerly, Rhode Island.

Attendees were comprised of OC members – Chief Keith Kenyon, Robert Delaney, Rich Thomsen, Dan Roy, Ken Martin, and Paul Gencarella, A quorum was present.

Other Attendees: Attorney Michael Cozzolino

Friends of Quonochontaug Grange

Paul Gencarella, Moderator 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 – After a minor spelling error correction was made, Motion was made and seconded to approve and file the Minutes of the January 14, 2025 Operating Committee Meeting.

FOTQG Report – Ann Bettinger reported as follows:

Updates

* Continue to manage expenses closely
* Maintaining active rental schedule
* Monthly rental schedule changes
* Plan for late winter/spring work party to include attic cleanup
* Landscaping work party in late spring – Rich indicated we will help with that

Chief states there are no training sessions in the area of the Grange Property until spring

Maintenance items:

Discussion regarding camera access – Chief indicates that he is working on another idea.

Ann asked about update on drainage correction – Chief states that it is being worked on.

Long Term plan –

There was discussion regarding ADA compliant door. Bob Delaney states windows and two doors he would like to see completed. Chief says east side door should be replaced completely. Estimate are not necessary if work gets done for the budgeted $5,000.00.

Bob asked about additional grange members joining. Ann has looked into, and other members are happy where they are in Perryville.

Bob asked about Charlestown 250-year celebration. The grange may be willing to participate. The Moderator stated that he has reached out to the Town of Charlestown regarding the 250 year celebration plans and committee participation.

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

The expenses are tracking well against the budget and the rates are good.

All contracting districts have paid.

Profit & Loss Statement need to check unanticipated repairs should be moved. Kerri has moved to maintenance items.

PPE – we have reached about the maximum amount. Chief says new gear came out of there.

Balance sheet indicates close to $600,000.00 has been reserved for the new truck purchase and its associated equipment.

Rosalind will check in on the new re-evaluation for Westerly.

Tax Assessors/Collector’s Report – Rosalind Choquette, Tax Assessor

The office has been working closely with the Tax Sale Attorney’s staff.

The Tax Sale title searches have been completed. 40-day notices will be mailed out Feb. 7th with 20-day notification being mailed out Feb. 28th. Nine properties have been paid off with twelve remaining.

Collection percentage to 100.02%.

Chief’s Report – Chief stated as follows:

For the month of December Fire 21 and EMS calls 8; for the month of January Fire 22 and EMS calls 5 for a total of 29 and 27.

AFG grant has been submitted. Jack Reed’s office is sending a letter of support for us.

New servers have been installed for radio box.

Both boilers have been serviced.

*A motion was made and seconded to approve all reports that were given.*

Website – The audit report for May, 2024 needs to be loaded onto the website. Pictures will be updated in the spring when the weather is better. Work is still being done on the mission statement.

Budget Review 2025/2026 – Bob states they have begun work on the budget now. Chief states paying for tanker will be part of the budget, next month or two should have an approximate amount. As of now there are normal increases. Unexpected increases could be insurance but it should not be too much.

Attorney Cozzolino asked about having a discussion with Hopkinton Fire District regarding purchase of tanker. Chief has spoken with them, they have ordered from the same company Chief is looking at.

By-Laws – tabled to next month.

Next Meeting – The next meeting of the Operating Committee will be Tuesday, March 18, 2025 meeting will be held at the Station One.

Old Business –

Roads – The Moderator has gone through the road with Rich and Jim back in April in the tower truck. Chief states the tanker as well needs to be able to go through the roads. They are still working on this.

Public Comments - Darren Rathbun had some input regarding the pizza, his school and enjoying tonight’s meeting

*Motion was made, second and approved to adjourn meeting at approximately 7:45PM.*

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Linda F Garabedian, District Clerk