

# **Dunn's Corners Fire District**

1 Langworthy Rd  
Westerly, RI 02891

## **Minutes Operating Committee Meeting September 9, 2013**

The Dunn's Corners Fire District Operating Committee (OC) convened on Monday September 9, 2013 at 6:30 PM, in Fire Station #1.

Attendees were comprised of OC members Matt Thomsen, Bob Delaney, Tom Algieri, Ken Martin, and Chief Mike Frink. Member Jonathan Schreier was excused. A quorum was present.

Additional attendees: District Clerk Steve White.

Actions of the OC (all votes unanimous unless otherwise noted):

### **Agenda Items**

**Previous Meeting Minutes** – *A motion was made seconded and so voted to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2013 meeting with the Chiefs prepared comments in regards to the potential of providing fire protection services for the Bradford Fire District attached as an addendum.*

*A motion was made seconded and so voted to accept the minutes of the July 15, 2013 meeting.*

**Next Operating Committee Meeting** - The next regular meeting of the Operating Committee is scheduled for Monday October 21, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

**Financial Statements** – The Committee reviewed and accepted the financial statements through August 31<sup>st</sup>. The Chief requested that the committee formalize the practice of crediting inspection fees to the “*Prevention Fund*”.

*A motion was made seconded and so voted to authorize the Chief to credit inspection fees to the “Prevention Fund”.*

**Chief's Report** – The Chief informed the Committee that he will be donating non-NFPA Compliant supplies such as hose and PPE equipment to the “*Antique Truck Association*”.

Hurricane passes for residents in and near coastal flood areas should be mailed out by September 15<sup>th</sup> and that the passes were good for 1 year.

The periodic testing of the fire hoses was completed with several failures occurring. The budget currently includes \$20,000 for replacements. The Chief informed the committee that the department is working on the pricing and requirements for replacements and that the plan is to currently to continue using 4 inch hoses.

**Moderator's Report** – The Moderator updated the committee on a complaint received regarding a “Burn Permit”. The committee stated that it would support the Chief in whatever action he took regarding the matter.

Additionally, the committee reviewed the chain of command in the Chief's absence and was satisfied it was sufficient to meet the District's needs.

The Moderator informed the committee that the District solicitor advised against rebating proceeds from tax sales after the transaction is completed. The Operating Committee had received such a request from a Mr. Johnson in regards to a private road lien purchased at the most recent tax sale. The Moderator stated that Mr. Johnson has been made aware of the District's position in the matter.

Finally the Moderator noted that he will be scheduling a meeting in the near future with representatives of the Shady and Shelter Harbor Fire Districts' to begin negotiations on contract renewals.

The Moderator informed the committee that the AG's office received a complaint in which it may be inquiring as to whether or not the structure of the Department's Truck Committee violated open meeting laws. The Moderator requested a review of past process and minutes to be conducted and the results forwarded to the District's solicitor.

**Bradford Fire District** – The committee discussed the ongoing situation at the Bradford Fire District and what support it would lend to ensure that Bradford residents had fire protection services until a long term solution is developed.

The committee agreed that in an emergency situation if requested by the Bradford Fire District it would provide BFD with Fire Protection services on a short term contractual basis through May 31, 2014 at the same mil rate it charges its other Westerly taxpayers of 38 cents per thousand, prorated over the term of the agreement. The potential of a longer term agreement will be reviewed during the remainder the DCFD current fiscal year. Note – Treasurer Delaney was excused prior to the committee's establishment of the short term agreement's rate.

### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments at this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve White  
District Clerk