

# **Dunn's Corners Fire District**

1 Langworthy Rd  
Westerly, RI 02891

## **Minutes Operating Committee Meeting October 11, 2016**

The Dunn's Corners Fire District Operating Committee (OC) convened on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at Station #1.

Attendees were comprised of the OC members Matt Thomsen, Bob Delaney, Jon Schreier, Tom Algiere and Ken Martin. Chief Frink was excused. A quorum was present.

Additional Attendee(s): Friends of the Quonie Grange board member Ron Meneo.

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

### **Agenda Items:**

**Pledge of Allegiance** - The meeting started at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Friends of the Quonie Grange(FOTQG)** – R. Meneo updated the committee on the following;

- The FOTQG committee is working on the septic repair project. The Operating Committee agreed to let FOTQG to select a contractor within budget parameters.
- The FOTQG discussed a cost sharing proposal with the Operating Committee up to \$3,500.00 to mitigate the cost of repairing the septic system. The Treasurer was good with the proposal.

*A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the Grange septic repairs with the District covering up to 50% of the overall cost by charging 10% of the overall cost against the Grange maintenance budget for each of the next 5 years.*

- R. Meneo discussed the Hot Yoga group's heat use. He supplied the Committee with 5 years of power consumption data and it was determined there was no problem with the current use.
- R. Meneo discussed the FOTQG's collaboration with the Quonochontaug Historical Society (QHS) and their use of part of the facility for the storage of historical records. A sketch of the area was provided and it was noted that QHS would pay for their own insurance.
- A bulletin board was added to the exterior of the Grange for non-commercial notices.
- M. Thomsen will discuss with the Chief going out to bid for better propane pricing.

**Previous Meeting Minutes** – *A motion was made seconded and so voted to approve the September 13, 2016 meeting minutes as presented and the August 9, 2016 meeting amended to reflect the Chief as excused.*

**Next OC Meeting** – The next OC meeting will take place at Station #1 on Tuesday November 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

**Treasurer's Report** – The Treasurer informed the Committee that the Tax sale is scheduled for the April 2017 and the same company that has worked with the District on previous tax sales will probably be used for the 2017 sale. He will check with the solicitor to insure that Sun can be used as the notification of record.

The Treasurer is working on some contracts questions regarding the 2015-2016 audit and informed the Committee that a RFP for CPA services will need to advertised.

He also noted that the new Car 1 was financed by Westerly Community Credit Union and that he had looked at financing elsewhere.

**Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District (QCBFD)** - Bill Heep is in receipt of a proposed contract; that it is with their attorney and B Heep will likely recommended the proposed contract to his district's Board of Governors. He noted they will meet in May. The Operating Committee confirmed that QCBFD will be protected in the interim.

M. Thomsen reminded the Committee that we will look into the possibilities of other methods of taxation in the future.

**Unfinished Business** – The Committee reviewed proposals to fix and pave the Chief's parking area, estimate \$1,550 and the cut through to the Randall Realtor's lot, estimate \$1,500. The Randall company has agreed to cover 50% of the cut through costs. The best price received for the work was from French Contracting. It was noted that the work should be completed in a month and that funding had been previously approved.

*A motion was made, seconded and so voted to proceed with French Contracting for the work to be performed on the cut through and Chief's parking lot.*

**Grange Tree Removal** – The District will be obtaining quotes for the removal a tree with stump grinding at the Grange facility due to safety concerns.

**Committee Appreciation** - The Committee wanted it to be noted in the meeting Minutes that it is very appreciative of committee member Jonathan Schreir's efforts in working with the FOTQG in dealing with Grange matters.

**Correspondence** – None

**Public Comments** – Taxpayer James Angelo will put together a plan for a District Charter Commission. The Committee wants it to be an advisory board and wants all matters pertaining to the commission run by the solicitor.

The Committee closed the meeting and went into executive session to discuss the development of the Chief's Contract at 6:40 PM

The Committee reopened the meeting at 7:15PM

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

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Committee Member Ken Martin  
for Steve White District Clerk