

**Dunn's Corners Fire District**  
**Operating Committee Meeting**  
October 13, 2020

The Dunn's Corners Fire District Operating Committee (OC) convened on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6:30 PM at Quonochontaug Grange, 5662 Post Road, Charlestown, Rhode Island 02813.

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

Other Attendees: Friends of the Quonochontaug Grange

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.

Next Meeting – The next meeting of the Operating Committee will be Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 6:30 PM

Previous Meeting Minutes – *A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2020 Operating Committee meeting.*

Treasurer's Report – Bob Delaney reported that the finances are in good shape. There are no major issues at all. All loans are good.

Jim Angelo discussed changing style of reporting. He feels municipal accounting should be changed. Bob Delaney presented Mr. Angelo with a copy of the latest financial statement of the District depicting all revenue and expenses accounts and asked Mr. Angelo to look it over and advise back concerning any additional details that he felt were needed. District statements are on the modified accrual basis.

There was discussion to set aside \$700.00 to pay from Miscellaneous Funds Line Item 603.

*A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the Treasurer's Report.*

*A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve for the District to purchase hand sanitizer for all employees and members.*

Tax Assessors/Collector's Report – John Merkel delivered the report. The District still has 984 accounts due. 80% of accounts have been paid.

Bob Delaney says second bill reminder should go out first or second week of December for accounts that are still due.

*A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the Tax Collector's Report.*

Chief's Report – Interim Chief Keith Kenyon reported that all apparatus are in good shape. There were some issues with the generator at Station 2 but it is now up and running

There were 34 F.C.; 57 EMS; 29 Plan Review and 35 S.C Inspections.

The DEM grant was awarded. All contracts have been signed.

There are no issues at Station 2.

Dwayne Allen resigned as cleaner. He has been hired back by the Westerly Ambulance Corp.

Bob Delaney asked about payments made to contractor who did not pay electrician. Chief indicated that the District had paid the contractor.

Bob Delaney asked about the style of fence they are looking into between Station 1 and Dunn's Corners Market. Chief indicated he and Tony Spino would revisit the fence matter this month. Chief is doing all the leg work; Tony is pretty busy due to COVID-19 issues. The Chief will be getting three bids.

Chief indicated that he is looking into a service regarding remote deposits for scanning checks into the business account for efficiency.

Chief indicated that the siding has been fixed on Station 1.

*A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the Chief's Report.*

*A motion was made, seconded and so voted to appoint Matthew Thomsen as Chairman of the Nominating Committee.*

FOTQG Report – Impact of COVID 19 on rentals – continuing with resumption of rentals based on RI government mandates and guidelines. Notice posted on website and emailed to all past and present renters.

Work at Grange – exterior trim paint in progress; installation of wall board in back entry way; continue to monitor runoff issue; butler kitchen status beginning work to repaint existing cabinets, replace sinks; ADA Walkways – waiting selected vendor to begin work; ultraviolet system request for approval of Hoxie quote.

*Motion made, seconded and approved to endorse the Grange Ultraviolet System.*

Any comments/questions.

Moderator's Comments – John Merkel thanked Matt Thomsen for accepting Nominating Committee Chair position.

John stated that the CSC has met three times, it has been posted in the newspaper and on line. There are 19 interested parties and 5 complete applications. They are taking there time making decision.

*A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the Moderator's Report.*

*A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve compensation to the Clerk of \$50.00 per Chief Selection Meeting for additional work.*

Other Business – NONE

Public Comments –

Jim Angelo asked about District Charter – there is no progress.

Quonochontaug Central Beach contract rolls over automatically. They have not heard from anyone from Central Beach.

Bob Delaney discussed the fire door at Dunn's Corners Elementary School. Jim Bobola has indicated that it was budgeted and we will check on status next April, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

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Linda F Garabedian, District Clerk