

**Dunn's Corners Fire District**  
**Operating Committee Meeting**  
April 11, 2023

The Dunn's Corners Fire District Operating Committee (OC) convened on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 6:30 PM at Station One, Langworthy Road, Westerly, Rhode Island.

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

Other Attendees: Attorney Michael Cozzolino and Members of the Friends of the 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 – a Motion was made and seconded to approve and file the Minutes of March 14, 2023 Operating Committee Meeting.

FOTQG Report – Ann Bettinger read the report that has been emailed to all members.

Rental Updates –rentals are picking up with the spring/summer season

Upcoming ARPA Projects – AED location discussion for lobby area. Bob Delaney asked about the location. Ann indicated that she is trying to have it located in the lobby area.

There was discussion regarding the shingling project, scheduling, and timing for completion.

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

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

Chief has made purchases from the grant funds.

Bob does not see any big issues.

Bob Delaney will transfer money and open Certificate of Deposits. He is working with Mary Rathbun on this.

*A Motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer transferring funds from low interest checking account to Certificate of Deposit for at least two years.*

*A Motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report.*

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

The office continued to collect monies from rebillings that were mailed out. The results of the collections from March resulted in a rate of 100.01%. After prior overpayments were refunded to real estate owners the total collection results in a rate of 99.68%.

The office will be closed April 21 through April 28<sup>th</sup>. The office continues to answer calls and emails in a timely manner.

Chief's Report – None given

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

Grange Siding Job:

Rich Thomsen stated the insulation was completed and paid for in a two-week period.

Bob asked if Ann had any quotes. She will check again for quotes. Bob suggested to do the front side of the building with cedar siding first as there are funds available to cover that work. Ann states east side of building needs work first.

Rich has a quote for east side to be done in vinyl – cedar quote was much higher. Ann would like to compare all three quotes. Paul thinks we should do what is pleasing and what is in the best interest of Dunns Corners Fire District. Bob asked about grant money from Charlestown Historic Society, Ann will check on this.

Bill would like a spread sheet of all bids and comparisons.

Should present to taxpayers at Annual Meeting.  
Ken thinks we should create a formal RFQ.

Next Meeting – The next meeting of the Operating Committee will be Tuesday, May 9th, 2023 6:30 PM at Station One.

ERISA Attorney Assistance:

Attorney Cozzolino indicated there is still no news. He will check on again.

Budget:

Bob Delaney reviewed the budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024.

Old Business –

Paul Gencarella had correspondence from a new taxpayer who was charged interest. Bob states there is no waiving of fee.

*A Motion was made and seconded to advise taxpayer that all taxpayers are treated the same and no fee/interest are waived.*

Roz will take care of this matter.

Public Comments -

Ernie Rathbun asked if there is a quote on new truck. Bob Delaney stated there are two quotes and they are really high. Dylan Harrington states the price can only go up they will not go down.

*Motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 7:45 PM*

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 PM

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Linda F Garabedian, District Clerk