**Dunn’s Corners Fire District**

**Operating Committee Meeting**

April 9, 2024

The Dunn’s Corners Fire District Operating Committee (OC) convened on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 6:30 PM at Station 1, Langworthy Road, Westerly, Rhode Island.

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

Other Attendees: Friends of the Quonocontaug Grange

Attorney Michael Cozzolino

Paul Gencarella, Moderator coordinated the meeting.

Actions of OC (all votes unanimous unless otherwise noted).

Agenda Items:

Pledge of Allegiance – The meeting started at 6:31 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 12, 2024 Operating Committee Meeting.

FOTQG Report –  Ann Bettinger gave the monthly report.

Rentals – They continue to manage expenses closely and maintaining active rental schedule

Status of work being done:

Repair of roof line – not done yet, Chief is working with everyone about this.

Internet transition – status quo, still no news

Chair Lift status – no news on this item at this time.

Front ramp – quote received FOTQG is coordinating. Painting will be done as soon as weather permits

Crushed asphalt – need additional maintenance and better drainage option for runoff.

There is no training scheduled at this time

Upcoming training to be held on April 17, 2024

Proposed long term plan and suggested budget items were given to all members for review and comments at next meeting.

Ann reported that they have a new board member, Steve Jordan who lives on West Beach Road and he is an engineer.

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

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

$100,000 CD was extended and recent CD purchased has a 5% interest rate.

The new engine is expected during March of 2025.

The Treasurer believes that the new budget will have a minimal effect on the tax rate.

*A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer’s Report.*

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

Report was not given but a written report was distributed with the following information.

The Office has contacted the attorneys office regarding proceeding a tax sale later this year.

The results in collection resulting a 99% collection rate.

The Assessor will be out of the Office April 2 through April 10 on vacation. She will still be checking messages and answering accordingly.

Chief’s Report – Chief was not at the meeting. His report was waived.

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

Annual Meeting – Ann and Mary are working on the Nominating Committee Members nomination which will appear on the DCFD website and in the Westerly Sun.

Resolution items for the Annual Meeting that are being worked on now:

Kitchen work – pizza oven is still being waited on.

Landscape – for the grange to be done.

New Engine - $500,000.00 from reserve for engine.

Fiscal Budget (5/31/24/ - 5/31/25) – Bob Delaney has done a pass through and is going to work on this with the Chief.

Website – Chief and Deputy Chief are still working on this putting final touches on it.

Tax Lien Sale – Tax Assessor spoke to the attorney who indicated that sales are out to March 2025. Attorney Cozzolino will ask other attorneys for any input or help.

Motor Vehicle Fees – Mary Rathbun will get the docket numbers on the outstanding litigation cases so they can be checked regularly for the status.

Next Meeting – The next meeting of the Operating Committee will be Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Old Business – Mary Rathbun is checking on docket numbers for motor vehicle litigation fees.

Public Comments - NONE

*Motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 7:28 PM*

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Linda F Garabedian, District Clerk