**Dunn’s Corners Fire District**

**Operating Committee Meeting**

August 13, 2024

The Dunn’s Corners Fire District Operating Committee (OC) convened on Tuesday, August 13, 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, Chief Keith Kenyon, Dan Roy, 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 6:30 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 July 9, 2024 Operating Committee Meeting with one minor change.

FOTQG Report –  Ann Bettinger gave the monthly report.

Continue to manage expenses closely

Maintaining active rental schedule

Thanked everyone that attended the recent Thank you Breakfast.

The Grange will be used September 10th and again November 6th for the upcoming election.

Chimney work – Chief indicated it will be done by winter

Camera replacement – Chief is meeting with camera company tomorrow

Internet transition – there are no updates. Others are also having same issue with securing a new server. Tom Doyle is contact when there is information.

Chair Lift – Chair Lift is to be shipped August 8th

Bob Delaney asked about rentals – Ann indicated they are running just about the same as previous years.

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

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

Bob indicates the balance sheet is in good shape. Cash is a little tight right now, but the billing will go out next week.

The new property mill rate should be .3965.

*Motion was made, seconded and discussed that the new mill rate for this years tax cycle is to be $.3965.*

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

Rosalind reported that the office is in the mist of preparation for the upcoming tax collection season.

There are 17 properties remaining to date of the original 39 properties for tax sale in Feb/Mar 2025

The office continues to answer all phone calls and emails in a timely manner.

Chief’s Report – for the month of July there were 50 fire calls and 4 EMS calls for a total of 54 calls.. There was a total of 302 training hours.

The Smokey the Bear Parade was once again a big hit with all who attended. The public loves it and looks forward to it each year.

The position for a new Firefighter to be hired has been posted.

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

Website –Ken Martin put before the members of the department for any input or changes that they thought should be made. He has not heard back from anyone yet. Chief indicated the mission statement is being worked on.

Next Meeting – The next meeting of the Operating Committee will be Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at Station One. The October 8, 2024 meeting will be held at the Grange.

Old Business – MVA Fees: Notice that the fee for this year is up to $600.00 per vehicle and everyone that has a MVA and the department assists will be billed.

Ann Bettinger states there are many issues about people pulling out at grange and using u-turn area instead of going to the light. It was discussed that more signage may be necessary. Chief states he has told Charlestown Police Department about this issue.

Public Comments - Ken Martin states that the Department wants to look at the Station 1 landscaping.

*Motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 7:10 PM*

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Linda F Garabedian, District Clerk