**Dunn’s Corners Fire District**

**Operating Committee Meeting**

September 10, 2024

The Dunn’s Corners Fire District Operating Committee (OC) convened on Tuesday, September 10, 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: 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 August 13, 2024 Operating Committee Meeting with one minor change.

FOTQG Report –  Moderator, Paul Gencarelli, gave the monthly report.

Paul to talk with Ann regarding handicap spot matters, Rich states Town should be responsible.

Auditor indicates handicap spots are not correctly sized. There needs to be accessibility for a van.

Bob Delaney asked are there a certain number of spaces required. That had not been talked about.

Internet transition – still having issues. May get their own modem to do their own service.

Chair Lift – has been in use and is working very well.

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

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

There is one item on the budget that Kerrie is checking on.

$600,000 has been set aside for the new truck.

Committee is working on a Pasta Dinner for the Karl Kenyon Scholarship.

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.

The office will be closed from September 16 through the 18th as Tax Assessor will be attending a conference in Sturbridge, MA.

The office continues to answer phone calls, deal with bank inquiries and emails in a timely manner.

Chief’s Report – for the month of August there were 35 fire calls and 10 EMS calls for a total of 45 calls. There was a total of 133 training hours.

Chairlift at the Grange has been installed.

Internet is still having issues and still looking into that. The server box needs to be replaced. It just is not working properly.

Applications for a new Fire Fighter has closed, and now reviewing applications for interviews.

Camera link has been repaired and is up and running.

Working with the schools for plan review fees. Town is asking for reduction in fees. We are a separate entity so fee cannot be waived. Chief has asked other communities regarding fees and some did reduce their fees.

Paul asked who we are dealing with. Chief states McKinnon, Lacey and School Committee.

Fire alarms at Dunns Corners Elementary School are functioning.

Bob asked about residential alarms going off, should a fee be charged. Chief states there are not really any issues, the residents are correcting the problems.

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

Website – Chief indicated the mission statement is being worked on. Ken Martin is also working on this.

Audit Update – The Auditors were in. Two installments have been paid. They were happy with the work of Mary, Kerrie, and Rosalind. Hopefully they will be back in touch in October.

New Engine – the arrival has been pushed out a couple months from September 2025, probably look at early 2026.

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

Old Business – NONE

Public Comments - Ernie Rathbun asked if we have handicap here at Station One. Chief states there are spots. He also asked about door locks – Chief states panic bottom on fire box will lock doors.

*Motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 7:20 PM*

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Linda F Garabedian, District Clerk