

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
March 15, 2021

Chairwoman Heather Burnham called a teleconference meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (“the Ferry District”) to order on March 15, 2021 at 4:00 PM.

Commissioners Ace Ahrens, Tom Cashel, Jim Reid and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, Gordon Murphy, Jon Haney, Deanna Ross and Polly Ford.

Chairwoman Burnham established that a quorum was present. Everyone in attendance pledged allegiance to the flag.

Correspondence/Public Comment - Mr. Cook reported that no correspondence was received. There was no public comment.

RESOLUTION 2021 – 037

Rescind

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby rescinds resolution 2021-030.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens
Seconded by: Commissioner Reid
Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, J. Reid and D. Shillo
Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2021 – 030

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby amends the 2021 Fishers Island Ferry District budget as follows:

Decrease Appropriations

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| <i>Unallocated Contingency</i> | <i>\$ 100,000.00</i> |
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Increase Appropriations

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| 5SM5710.2.000.200 | Ferry Repairs: Race Point | \$ 100,000.00 |
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| | | \$ 100,000.00 |

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo
 Seconded by: Commissioner Reid
 Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, J. Reid and D. Shillo
 Nays: None

Budget Modification

RESOLUTION 2021 - 038

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby amends the **2021** Fishers Island Ferry District budget as follows:

Decrease Appropriations

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| SM.1990.4.100.100 | Unallocated Contingency | \$ 100,000.00 |
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| | | \$ 100,000.00 |

Increase Appropriations

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| 5SM5710.2.000.200 | Ferry Repairs: Race Point | \$ 100,000.00 |
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| | | \$ 100,000.00 |

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens
 Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo
 Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, J. Reid and D. Shillo
 Nays: None

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2021 – 039

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated March 15, 2021, in the amount of \$176,445.31.

Moved by: Commissioner Reid
Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo
Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, J. Reid and D. Shillo
Nays: None

Management Reports

Traffic Update - Mr. Haney updated the BOC on February 2021 traffic. Passengers took the biggest hit in February mostly due to the FIS students out for 16 days in February. This roughly accounts for 1,100 passengers. Overall Passengers, Vehicles and Commercial traffic was down 44%, 5% and 12% respectively. On time percentage for February departures was 99%. There were cargo runs every Wednesday and Saturday in February.

MU/RP/Silver Eel Updates - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. Mr. Haney reported that Munnatawket has been running well. An oil change was done today. The air compressor was changed out with a spare last week. The old one will be sent out to get bench tested. Race Point remains at Thames Shipyard. Thames notified head mechanic John Parity that the engine mounts that were fabricated were 4 inches too high. Mr. Haney is not sure if this was due to a drawing over site by the architect or something else and will continue to investigate. The mounts have since been corrected and now line up. The delivery date remains on schedule. Mr. Haney reported that he does not have any new information with regard to the Yamaha engines and their arrival for Silver Eel. Mr. Cook reported that the FIS is still interested in using Silver Eel for school transportation if and when the boat is up and running. A haul inspection for Silver Eel is scheduled for the end of the month. The North Star remains an available option for commercial traffic. Mrs. Ford responded that most island companies are willing to share the cost as long as there is available space and she is willing to connect companies when one is chartering the North Star. The Munnatawket can only hold one tri-axle, where Race Point can hold three. The BOC has agreed to review charter rates moving ahead as they have remained unchanged for quite some time. Mr. Marshal and Mr. Haney reported that the North Star lost their passenger certification and can only carry up to 16 passengers including the crew. In the event of emergency evacuation, Mr. Haney reported that there are viable options through the Block Island Ferry. Three of their boats are kept up river. The Manatee can take 12 vehicles and 150 passengers. This boat is in service 2 months out of the year. The Islander and Athena are passenger boats only.

South Beach Request - Mr. Cook reported that Jimmy Ski has requested a 60'X150' area for staging gravel being used for the bike path extension. The Ferry District has agreed to lease the are for 1-2 months at \$500/month. Mr. Ski is also collecting rocks for the Seawall project.

Medical Fare Abatement and Transportation Policy - Mr. Murphy updated the BOC. Mr. Murphy is working on a streamline form for medical fare abatement that he will review with the BOC for approval. Mr. Murphy also wanted to make it clear that anytime a request is made from the Dr's Office, it is for an urgent request, not an emergent request. The Ferry District is not an emergency service and all medical emergencies should go through the Sea Stretcher.

Draft Emergency Plan - The BOC was provided with a copy of the Draft Emergency Plan required by New York State.

Legal

RESOLUTION 2021 - 040

Whereas NYS requires the Ferry District to adopt an Public Employer Health Emergency Plan; and

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Ferry District Emergency Health Plan as amended with immediate effect.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, T. Cashel, J. Reid and D. Shillo

Nays: None

Dental Insurance Renewal

RESOLUTION 2021 - 041

WHEREAS the current contract with EDT MetLife Dental ([Metropolitan Life Insurance Company](#)) for dental insurance expires on May 1, 2021 and MetLife Dental is holding its terms for the renewal at the same level. Management recommends the MetLife plan based on best value;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby directs and authorizes Mr. Gordon Murphy to execute a contract for the \$2,000 maximum yearly benefit plan with MetLife Dental insurance, administered by Employer's Dental Trust, and any related ancillary documents, and authorizes management to pay invoices when properly invoiced and approved by management.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham

Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, T. Cashel, J. Reid and D. Shillo

Nays: None

Website - Mr. Murphy updated the BOC and reported that it is coming along. The expected time frame to be up and running is less than a month.

Theater - Mr. Cook reported that he received an email from Bonnie Benkard requesting use of the Theater for IPP in the mornings. Mr. Cook also received a call from Mr. Luke Fowler to let the Ferry know that Friends of the Fishers Island Theater wish to lease the theater this summer. The BOC has agreed to lease the Theater to FFIT for \$1000. Mr. Cook will let Mr. Fowler know of IPPs request and feels strongly that they can work out a solution. Discussion ensued regarding the future of the Theater building and the need for a new roof. The RFP is tabled at this time.

FIDCO Commercial Sticker - Mr. Murphy reminded the BOC that the year-round resident application clearly states that if a resident uses their vehicle for commercial purposes then they must pay a non-resident rate. Continued discussion ensued regarding capturing individuals who are using their resident card for commercial purposes, as well as those individuals who are not residents and coming to the

mainland for commercial purposes. The BOC and management will continue to discuss the matter moving forward and has not come to a resolution at this time.

Other - Mr. Cook informed the BOC that he will invite Fair Harbor to join the next BOC meeting to provide a presentation of the proposed ticketing system. Mr. Murphy reminded the BOC that the next BOC meeting will be the last meeting for Mrs. Burnham to chair. The BOC has agreed that Mr. Reid will chair the 2nd quarter, Mr. Cashel the 3rd quarter, and Ms. Shillo the 4th quarter. Mr. Murphy also reported that he received one resident application from Alex Kardziyak. No decision has been made at this time.

HR

RESOLUTION 2021 – 042

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby rescinds resolution 2021-036.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham

Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, T. Cashel, J. Reid and D. Shillo

RESOLUTION 2021 – 036

WHEREAS the District ratified the August 17, 2017 Stipulation of Agreement with CSEA, Inc. Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO regarding Advancement Ladders and;

WHEREAS said Advancement Ladders define qualifications and minimum wages for certain positions and;

Whereas Mr. Daniel Eagan has completed his training and management recommends that he be promoted to full captain.

Therefore, it is resolved with effect January 14, 2021 to increase Mr. Eagan's Captain (FIFD) salary to \$28.00 per hour and simultaneously Mr. Eagan is released from his part-time Deckhand (FIFD) position.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, T. Cashel, J. Reid and D. Shillo

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2021 – 043

WHEREAS the District ratified the August 17, 2017 Stipulation of Agreement with CSEA, Inc. Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO regarding Advancement Ladders and;

WHEREAS said Advancement Ladders define qualifications and minimum wages for certain positions and;

Whereas Mr. Daniel Eagan has completed his training and management recommends that he be promoted to full captain.

Therefore, it is resolved with effect February 25, 2021 to increase Mr. Eagan's Captain (FIFD) salary to \$28.00 per hour and simultaneously Mr. Eagan is released from his part-time Deckhand (FIFD) position.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, J. Reid and D. Shillo

Nays: None

Executive Session

At 17:40, the following resolution was proposed: RESOLVED, that the Commission move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and legal matters.

Moved by: Commissioner A. Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner J. Reid

Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, J. Reid and D. Shillo

Nays: None

At 17:52, the following resolution was proposed:

RESOLVED, That the Commission exit from Executive Session and resume Public Session.

Moved by: Commissioner D. Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner J. Reid

Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, J. Reid and D. Shillo

Nays: None

Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 29, 2021 at 4:00 PM via Tele/Videoconference.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner A. Ahrens, seconded by Commissioner H. Burnham, the meeting was adjourned at 5.55 pm.