

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
July 19, 2021

Chairman Tom Cashel called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on July 19, 2021, at 4:30 PM at the Island Community Center and via teleconference.

Commissioners Ace Ahrens, Heather Burnham, Tom Cashel and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, Gordon Murphy, and Deanna Ross. There were no members of the public present.

Chairman Cashel 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.

Minutes

RESOLUTION 2021 – 117

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby proves the minutes of the January 28 and July 12, 2021, Board of Commissioner meetings.

Moved by: Commissioner A. Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner J. Reid

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

Nays: None

Budget Modification

RESOLUTION 2021 – 118

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

SM5710.4.000.000	Other/Miscella	\$ 60,000.00
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\$ 60,000.00

Increase Appropriations

5SM5710.2.000.200	Ferry Repairs: Race Point	\$ 60,000.00
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		\$ 60,000.00

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

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2021 - 119

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated July 19, 2021, in the amount of \$116,435.28.

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

Management Reports

Marine Update - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. All repairs have been completed for Munnatawket. All three boats are running. Silver Eel's first scheduled trips occurred today. There is a scheduled charter for this Friday. Sea trials were completed last Thursday and captain certifications on Friday. Management will revise the Silver Eel's schedule as needed. Race Point is running well. On time performance has improved in the last few weeks. Discussion ensued regarding our current freight operations. The BOC has asked management to look into the possibility of a professional consultant to improve the current process. Mr. Cook has agreed to reach out to the Passenger Vessel Association. The BOC reviewed and approved the July and August schedules.

Elections - Mr. Murphy updated the BOC. Petitions are due at noon this Friday. Elections will take place on Tuesday, August 10th, 2021 from 2pm-6pm.

2022 Budget - Mr. Murphy reported that management continues to work on the 2022 Budget and the Budget Hearing will take place on Friday, August 20th, 2021 at 5pm.

Other - Mr. Cook informed the BOC that he is gathering information to send to Gilbert Naval Architects regarding the re-pitching of the propellers and the haul out.

RESOLUTION 2021 - 120

WHEREAS, the Fishers Island Ferry District has recognized noise as an issue with the operation of the M/V Munnatawket; and

WHEREAS, JMS Naval Architects has provided a time and material not to exceed proposal of \$37,500 to mitigate the noise issues based of the recent noise survey (“Proposal”), and

WHEREAS JMS Naval Architects provides professional services and possesses a GSA contract; and

THEREFORE it is RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District to accept the Proposal from JMS Naval Architects for time and material not to exceed \$37,500.

Moved by: Commissioner D. Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner A. Ahrens

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

Nays: None

Theater RFP - Mr. Murphy reported that the RFP is on hold until an estimate is received for the roof project. In addition, management will investigate 501c3 and historical grant options.

Doherty Medical Waiver - Mrs. Doherty has requested medical fare abatement for necessary medical travel. The BOC has approved this request.

Insurance

RESOLUTION 2021 - 121

Whereas HilbGroup reviewed the current policies with several underwriters for each insurance category; and

Whereas the rates from the incumbent underwriters were within expectations and competitively priced; and

It is therefore RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorizes Mr. Murphy to execute all policies with Great American Insurance Co., Western Surety Company, Greenwich Insurance Company, Great American Alliance Insurance Company, National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, PA, Atlantic Specialty Insurance Company, Manufacturers Alliance Insurance Company and American Longshore Mutual Association, LTD and any ancillary documents necessary to renew the Fishers Island Ferry District’s 2021-2022 Property /Liability/Marine/Workers Compensation insurance policies, administered by the HilbGroup.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham

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

Nays: None

Hay Harbor Softball Transportation

RESOLUTION 2021 - 122

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the special use of the ferry to transport Ferry District employees from New London to Fishers Island and back for the purpose of the annual softball match between Hay Harbor Club and the Ferry District on Wednesday, July 21, 2021.

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

Other - Mr. Murphy reported that the problem with bicycles on the runways has improved. The camera billing system has allowed the Ferry to capture more landing fees. Paving of the airport road is scheduled to start on August 2, 2021. Mr. Murphy reported that the new freight track pads handhelds are up and running as of today and all the new CCTV cameras should be running by the end of the week.

Executive Session

At 17:34, the following resolution was proposed: RESOLVED, that the Commission move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

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

At 18:30, 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 A. Ahrens
Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, T. Cashel, J. Reid and D. Shillo
Nays: None

Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 2nd, 2021, at 4:30 PM at the Island Community Center and via Tele/Videoconference.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner D. Shillo, seconded by Commissioner A. Ahrens, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm.