

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Fishers Island Ferry District  
August 30, 2021

Chairman Tom Cashel called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District ("the Ferry District") to order on August 30th, 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, Jon Haney and Deanna Ross. Jim Reid was available via telephone. 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 he received correspondence from the FI Club expressing thanks for use of the ferry for their staff appreciation night. There was no public comment.

### **Warrant**

RESOLUTION 2021 – 136

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated August 30, 2021, in the amount of \$24,228.72.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

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

Nays: None

### **Management Reports**

**Marine Update** - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. Silver Eel bookings are currently on hold at this time due to a problem with back pressure on one of its engines. A technician was able to look at the problem and thinks it may be an issue with one of the two heads on the engine. Mr. Haney reported he will have more information tomorrow. Silver Eel is scheduled to be hauled out next week to Ft. Rachel. There have been no issues with Race Point. Students and teachers will be returning to school on Wednesday. Currently there is a one boat schedule for the upcoming Labor Day weekend. There was a possible charter for Caroline Yerkes this Wednesday but she is requesting to move the charter to Friday. Mr. Haney does not feel it will be a problem with the staffing schedule but has to look into it. Mr. Haney reported that staffing is tight right now due to Covid and some summer employees returning to school. Despite the challenges, Mr. Haney feels they can overcome them. Mr. Cook and Mr. Haney extends their thanks to IHP for their help in getting crew members tested for Covid. Mr. Haney reported that masks are required in the passenger cabin and all the captains have been making an announcement before the boat departs. In addition, crew are required to be masked in the cabin and the bridge. Discussion ensued regarding the enforcement of mask wearing and Covid 19 protocols.

**Airport** - Mr. Murphy updated the BOC. The airport road paving is complete. The contractors will return to complete the fencing and fix the gate. This work should be completed at the end of this week.

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**Island Manager Duties** - The BOC was given a list of duties that Mr. Murphy performs that were compiled by Mr. Murphy and Mr. Cook. Commissioner Burnham requested if Mr. Murphy could give the BOC a breakdown of an estimated percentage of time allotted for each duty. The BOC will plan a working session in the future to further discuss the duties of Mr. Murphy in order to ensure a smooth transition upon his retirement.

**HR**

RESOLUTION 2021 – 137

It is RESOLVED to rescind resolution 2021-134; and

Therefore it is further RESOLVED *to appoint, with effect September 7, 2021, Christopher Nyland as part-time Deckhand (FIFD) at a rate of \$16.00 per hour.*

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2021 - 138

WHEREAS the following Rhamir Mason has exceeded the requirement of Deckhand;

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED to promote Mr. Mason to senior deckhand and increase his pay rate to \$18.83 with effect August 30, 2021.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2021 - 139

WHEREAS the Ferry District has a great need for on-island freight and ticket agents; and

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED to appoint David McCall a full-time Freight Agent (FIFD) at a rate of \$16.00 per hour with effect September 9, 2021, subject to a positive review by Civil Service.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

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

Nays: None

**Executive Session**

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At 17:09, the following resolution was proposed: RESOLVED, that the Commission move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

Moved by: Commissioner A. Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner T. Cashel

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

Nays: None

At 17:37, the following resolution was proposed:

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

Moved by: Commissioner H. Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner T. Cashel

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

Nays: None

**Other** - Mr. Murphy reported that the video system is up and running and there has been no change since June regarding the new proposed ticketing system.

**Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 13, 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 T. Cashel, seconded by Commissioner H. Burnham, the meeting was adjourned at 5:42 pm.