

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Fishers Island Ferry District  
September 27, 2021

Chair Dianna Shillo called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on September 27, 2021, at 4:30 PM at the Island Community Center and via teleconference.

Commissioners Ace Ahrens, Heather Burnham, Tom Cashel and Jim Reid were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, Gordon Murphy, Jon Haney, Carol Murphy and Deanna Ross. There were two members of the EFPR Group auditors, John Costliow and Joe Kehm present via teleconference. No members of the public were present.

Chair Shillo established that a quorum was present. Everyone in attendance pledged allegiance to the flag.

**Audit Presentation by EFPR** - Mr. John Costliow and Mr. Joe Kehm presented the financial audit of 2020 to the BOC.

**Correspondence/Public Comment** - Mr. Cook reported that a thank you note was received from Ms. Carol Doherty. This was shared with the BOC. Ms. Courtney Allan has requested fare abatement for medical purposes. The BOC approved this request. There was no public comment.

**Minutes**

RESOLUTION 2021 – 149

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the minutes of September 13, 2021, Board of Commissioner meetings.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

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

Nays: None

**Budget Modification**

RESOLUTION 2021 – 150

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**

SM5710.2.000.000	Both Vessels	\$ 13,500.00
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**Increase Appropriations**

SM5710.4.000.800	Uniforms	\$ 7,500.00
SM5709.2.000.200	Docks&Terminal	\$ 3,000.00
SM5710.4.000.700	UPS (FI)	\$ 3,000.00
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		\$ 13,500.00

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

**Warrant**

RESOLUTION 2021 - 151

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated September 27, 2021, in the amount of \$2,677,201.54.

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

**Finance**

**2020 Audit**

Resolution 2021 - 152

Whereas the 2020 financial audit was approved by the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District.

Therefore it is RESOLVED to accept the financial audit of 2020.

It is further RESOLVED to authorize management to execute the Management Letter and have the audit and ancillary documents placed on the District website and to make copies available in the Business Office.

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

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**Management Reports**

**Traffic Update** - Mr. Haney reviewed August 2021 traffic. All traffic is up from 2020. Passengers and vehicles are down 28% and 12% respectively compared to 2019; however fewer trips are being run now opposed to 2019. Commercial traffic remains up considerably compared to the last three years.

**Marine Update** - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. Cummins and Twin Disc will be coming tomorrow to update engine software on the Race Point. In addition, they will be installing pressure sensors that were on back order and remove the extra wiring in the harnesses that was left until everything was a final fit. Race Point will not run on the 11:30/12:45 trip tomorrow due to this work. Management has begun to order spares for Race Point. This would include anything that would be outside the 24 hour availability. Mr. Haney reported that both Block Island and Cross Sound have a boat available in the event there was an issue with Race Point while Munnatawket is in dry dock. The RFP for the yard package for Munnatawket is out and due October 6, 2021. A separate RFP for the 5 blade propellers for Munnatawket and spare propellers for Race Point is due October 1, 2021. Currently there are 2 potential bidders for the yard package and 4 potential bidders for the propellers. Race Point will be taken out of service October 4th, 5th and 6th for maintenance before Munnatawket goes to the shipyard. Management is gathering information for the possibility of re-powering Silver Eel. The quote for Yamaha 425 hp re-power is approximately \$109,000 plus tax. The quote to repair Silver Eel is approximately \$16,700 plus tax. The power head has not arrived but is expected at the end of September. The value of Silver Eel in its current state is approximately \$550,000 due to increased lead time and cost of materials. Discussion ensued. The BOC has authorized management to go ahead with the repair. Mask wearing on the boats has improved. Mr. Cook reported that dredging bids are due next week. Dredging is expected to take place late October or November.

**Airport** - Mr. Murphy updated the BOC. The airport road repaving is complete. Management is waiting for the FAA to do a walk through and then a few punch list items including the gate at the tie down area will be completed.

RESOLUTION 2021 - 153

Whereas the FAA has provided an Airport Rescue Grant pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") of 2021 (H.R. 1319, Pub. L. 117-2 grant in the amount of \$22,000 to offset expenses accrued at Elizabeth Field airport during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Therefore it is RESOLVED to recommend that the Town of Southold as the Airport Sponsor execute the SF424 grant application for the ARPA grant and return it to the Airport Manager to be distributed to the various FAA recipients.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham

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

Nays: None

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**HR**

RESOLUTION 2021 – 154

Resolved to rescind resolution 2021-144; and

It is further **RESOLVED** that the Commissioners of the Fishes Island Ferry District hereby grants a leave of absence for up to 12 weeks to Employee #57702 effective October 1, 2021, pursuant to the Family Medical Leave Act.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

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

Nays: None

**Other** - Commissioner Burnham reported that she has been hearing of continued issues with perishables/freight and feels that the BOC and management need to continue to work out solutions to improve the process. The BOC and management are in agreement on this matter and management will continue to address and look into solutions to improve the process.

**Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October12, 2021 at 4:30 PM with a working session at 4:00pm at the Island Community Center and 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 6:15 pm.