

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
October 12, 2021

Chairman Shillo called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on October 12th at 4:30 PM at the Island Community Center and via Zoom teleconference.

Commissioners Ace Ahrens and Tom Cashel were present. In attendance was Geb Cook and Gordon Murphy. Jon Haney attended via Zoom. There was one member of the public present.

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

Correspondence/Public Comment - Mr. Cook reported that he had not received any public correspondence

Minutes

RESOLUTION 2021 – 156

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the minutes of October 8, 2021, Board of Commissioner meetings.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

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

Nays: None

Budget Modification

RESOLUTION 2021 – 157

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	\$ 12,000.00
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Increase Appropriations

SM5710.4.400.100	Marine Engrng	\$ 12,000.00
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Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

Ayes: A. Ahrens, T. Cashel and D. Shillo
Nays: None

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2021 - 158

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated October 12, 2021, in the amount of \$53,113.35

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

2022 Budget

RESOLUTION 2021 - 159

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the 2022 budget in the amount of \$4,684,500.

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

Mr. Cook discussed the need for the Ferry District to have a COVID-19 vaccination policy for its employees due to their interaction with customers, vendors and staff. It was also noted that the bridge can be a very confined space. He referenced a call with labor counsel on the matter. It was agreed by the BOC to pursue a vaccine requirement policy and requested that management contact Lamb & Barnofsky to prepare a policy for review.

Management Reports

Traffic Report:

Good numbers for September. Passenger, vehicle and commercial traffic all saw an increase from 2020 and very comparable to 2019 and 2018. Was also good to see our on-time percentage back in high standing.

Marine Report:

M/V Race Point: Cummins tech coming on Tuesday 10/19 to inspect the bow thruster. So Munnatawket will going into service for the day.

M/V Munnatawket: We have two vendors come for a site visit for the shipyard period; J. Goodison from Quonset, RI and Thames Shipyard from New London, CT. Both vendors requested a bid extension from 10/6 until 10/14.

M/V Silver Eel: At Fort Rachel Marina in Mystic, CT awaiting a new powerhead. We were supposed to have our annual Coast Guard inspection tomorrow (10/13) but because the vessel is hauled, blocked and inoperable, the inspection will be rescheduled when repaired and back in the water.

The RFP for propellers was awarded to Scandia Propeller Services and Supply from Fairhaven, MA for Munnatawket's props and Race Point's props were awarded to Wildcat Propellers, Inc. from Chesapeake, VA.

Mr. Murphy lead a discussion on the November and December auto ferry schedules. A discussion ensued and it was agreed to confirm school activities in December. It was requested that a late ferry be added once a month on Friday and to have the last two Sunday trip be moved an hour later.

Mr. Murphy went over the proposed changes to the 2021 discount fare program. The "resident" title will be dropped and the NYS non-driver ID will also be dropped as it does not relate being a NYS resident. The idea of using a W9 form was discussed and it was decided not to use as a means of identifying a tax based domicile.

Mr. Tate's request for medical fare abatement was agreed subject to the BOC being provided actual trips and date information. Mr. Murphy would follow up with Mr. Tate.

HR

RESOLUTION 2021 – 160

It is RESOLVED to rescind resolution 2021-137; and

Therefore it is further RESOLVED to appoint, with effect September 8, 2021, Christopher Nyland as part-time Deckhand (FIFD) at a rate of \$16.00 per hour.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

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

Nays: None

HR/Longevity

RESOLUTION 2021 – 161

WHEREAS the Fishers Island Ferry District policy as described in the Employee Handbook and the CSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement grants a 1% longevity increase to wages when an individual has been employed by the Fishers Island Ferry District for fifteen years; and,

It is RESOLVED to note that with effect October 27, 2021, Mr. Nicholas Espinosa's pay rate be increased by 1% to \$26.45.

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

PVA Meeting

RESOLUTION 2021 - 162

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby grants permission to District Manager Geb Cook and Marine Operations Manager to attend the PVA Original Colonies Regional Meeting in New London, CT from November 2nd, to November 4th. . All expenses for registration and travel, including meals, not to exceed \$1,000.00, will be a legal charge to the 2021 District budget.

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

HR/New Hire

RESOLUTION 2021 - 163

WHEREAS the Ferry District has a need for Deckhands; and

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED to appoint Quinn Carey as a part-time Deckhand (FIFD) at a rate of \$14.00 per hour with effect October 21, 2021.

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

Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 25, 2021, at 4:00 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 5:38 pm.