

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
October 25, 2021

Chair Shillo called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (“the Ferry District”) to order on October 25, 2021, at 4:00 PM at the Island Community Center and via teleconference.

Commissioners Ace Ahrens, Tom Cashel, Jim Reid and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, Gordon Murphy, Jon Haney and Deanna Ross. Commissioner Burnham was available via phone. There were no members of the public present.

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

Executive Session

At 16:04, the following resolution was proposed: RESOLVED, that the Commission move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing 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 16:44, the following resolution was proposed:

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

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

Correspondence/Public Comment - Mr. Cook reported that correspondence was received from Mr. Bob Evans requesting a refund for a missed doctor’s appointment because of a late boat due to a mechanical issue. Discussion ensued and Mr. Cook will respond to Mr. Evans denying the request. There was no public comment.

Legal

RESOLUTION 2021 – 164

It is Resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District to consent to its insurer’s settlement with regards to the case of Carlton Wilcox vs. the Fishers Island Ferry District, et al.

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

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Budget Modification

RESOLUTION 2021 – 165

Decrease Appropriations

SM5709.2.000.100	RentalBuilding	\$ 23,000.00
SM5709.2.000.300	Docks SE	\$ 4,800.00
SM5710.4.000.350	Fuel SE	\$ 10,200.00
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Increase Appropriations

SM5710.2.000.200	Race Point	\$ 15,000.00
SM5710.2.000.100	Munnatawket	\$ 15,000.00
SM7155.4.000.000	Theater	\$ 3,000.00
SM5709.2.000.200	Docks&Terminal	\$ 2,000.00
SM5711.4.000.000	OfficeExpense	\$ 2,000.00
SM1420.4.000.000	LegalFees	\$ 1,000.00
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Moved by: Commissioner Reid

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

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

Nays: None

Warrant

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RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated October 25, 2021, in the amount of \$92,381.22.

Moved by: Commissioner Reid

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

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

Nays: None

Propellers - Mr. Cook updated the BOC regarding the propellers. While the propellers for Munnatawket were awarded to Scania, Scania is now unable to get the propellers in a timely manner for the yard period, but Wildcat can if a rush surcharge is paid. Discussion ensued. The BOC agrees that the new propellers are critical and will award both sets of propellers to Wildcat.

RESOLUTION 2021 – 167

It is RESOLVED to rescind resolution 2021 – 155; and

Whereas the Fishers Island Ferry District desires to replace the propellers on the ferry M/V Munnatawket (2x) and add a spare set of propellers for the ferry MV Race Point (2x); and

Whereas a Request for Proposals was issued and advertised in a widely circulated publication; and

Whereas three proposals were received, evaluated, ranked and conform to the published specifications; and

Whereas the proposal from Wildcat Propeller Inc. is the best value bid based on price, timing and workmanship bid for the M/V Race Point and M/V Munnatawket propellers; and

Therefore it is Resolved that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District accepts the bids from Wildcat Propeller Inc. for four propellers for a total of \$54,736.00 and to authorize management to review and authorize change orders and shipping expenses up to 15% of the total bid; and

It is further Resolved to authorize management to execute contract and ancillary documents for this project after review by District Counsel.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2021 – 155

Whereas the Fishers Island Ferry District desires to replace the propellers on the ferry M/V Munnatawket and add a spare set of propellers for the ferry MV Race Point; and

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*Whereas a Request for Proposals was issued and advertised in a widely circulated publication;
and*

Whereas three proposals were received, evaluated, ranked and conform to the published specifications; and

Whereas the proposal from Scania Propeller is the low-cost bid for the M/V Munnatawket; and

Whereas the proposal from Wildcat Propeller is the low-cost bid for the M/V Race Point; and

Therefore it is Resolved that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District accepts the bids from Scania Propeller for \$17,500 and Wildcat Propeller for \$27,500 and to authorize management to review and authorize change orders and shipping expenses up to 5% of each respective bid; and

It is further Resolved to authorize management to execute contract and ancillary documents for this project after review by District Counsel.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

Ayes: H. Burnham, T. Cashel and J. Reid

Nayes: None

Management Reports

Finance - Mr. Murphy reviewed the financials with the BOC. The Cash Balance is strong and doing well compared to last year. Overall total ferry revenues are up 22% from the previous year. Professional and Airport expenses have decreased; however, docks and terminals and ferry maintenance expenses have increased. Overall net income is \$1.5 million. Mr. Cook informed the BOC that management will be coming to the BOC for a budget transfer from the fund balance to the working funds.

Marine Update - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. Race Point is operating at 1500 RPM due to a turbo exhaust and manifold leak. The closest Cummins certified engineer came from Pennsylvania. This was determined to be a warranty issue. Nothing can be done until the gaskets arrive. Mr. Haney will follow up on an ETA of the parts. This could potentially delay Munnatawket going to the shipyard. The five year USCG inspection must happen no later than February 16, 2022. The BOC has asked management to alert the public regarding this issue. Mr. Haney reviewed the differences from Thames and Goodison shipyard bids.

Munnatawket Yard Package

Resolution 2021 - 168

WHEREAS the MV Munnatawket must be hauled out for biennial US Coast Guard inspection and certain required maintenance; and

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WHEREAS proper public notice of the RFP was placed in The Day newspaper noting the specifics and contact details; and,

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2021, sealed bids were received and opened by the District Manager in the presence of one member of the District Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Marine Operations Manager reviewed the bid received, assessed the value to the District, deemed it a bid favorable to the District, advised the Board of Commissioners of the terms of the bid and his recommendation to accept the bid from, Thames Shipyard Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the District approves the bid from Thames Shipyard in the amount of \$191,832 with contingency charges on a time and materials basis not to exceed \$230,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Management is directed to execute the contract and any ancillary documents subject to review by District counsel and to pay all amounts when properly invoiced and approved by Management.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

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

Nays: None

Dredging - Mr. Cook reported that a pre construction meeting with the contractor is to take place on November 1, 2021. Mr. Cook is hoping the work can be done before the Thanksgiving holiday and should take approximately 1-2 weeks.

Other

UPS Logistics - Mr. Murphy updated the BOC. After management reached out to UPS, they sent a proposal to come in and review freight operations. The proposal is \$21,000. Management would like to do more research before accepting this proposal. Track pads are up and running. There have been a few glitches with certain emails. Currently there are four touches to each package. Discussion ensued. Management will continue to look at other possible consultants to improve freight operations.

Property Mgmt

RESOLUTION 2021 - 169

WHEREAS the Fishers Island Ferry District ("FD") wishes to lease 357 Whistler Avenue for the period November 1, 2021, through May 15, 2022, to Tara Scott and Kevin Carroll; and

WHEREAS, the BOC has determined that the proposal is fair and reasonable and beneficial to the residents of the District; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorizes management to execute the Lease Agreement with Tara Scott and Kevin Carroll for the term of November 1, 2021, through May 15, 2022, without a renewal option for \$700.00 per month and a \$700 security deposit that cannot be used for rental payment, subject to the approval of District Counsel.

Moved by: Commissioner Reid

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

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

Nays: None

FI Conservancy Airport Lands and Phragmite - Mr. Murphy reviewed the map of areas of the airport lands where phragmite was identified and treated. This will be an ongoing yearly process to treat the invasive species.

Seagrass Coalition Update - Mr. Cook sent recommendations from the Seagrass Coalition to the BOC. Mr. Cook has asked the BOC to review and make any comments.

PVA Conference - Mr. Cook reported that the PVA conference was cancelled.

HR

RESOLUTION 2021 - 171

WHEREAS the following Vince Haring has exceeded the requirements of a Deckhand.

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED to increase Mr. Haring's pay rate to \$16.00 with effect October 21, 2021.

Moved by: Commissioner Reid

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

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

Nays: None

Settlement

RESOLUTION 2021 – 170

WHEREAS, the District was presented with a claim by Jeff Edwards for the sum of \$811.21 as reimbursement for his vehicle that was damaged backing onto the ferry on October 16, 2021, while in the custody of the Ferry District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District has determined that it is in the best interest of the District to resolve this claim to avoid the expense and uncertainties of litigation; and

Therefore be it RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District approves the settlement of this claim and directs management to make payment of the settlement in the amount of \$811.21 subject to the approval of District Counsel and the Southold Town Attorney

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Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

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

Nays: None

Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 8, 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 A. Ahrens, seconded by Commissioner D. Shillo, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 pm.