

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Fishers Island Ferry District  
November 8, 2021

Chair Shillo called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on November 8, 2021, at 4:00 PM at the Island Community Center and via teleconference.

Commissioners 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. Commissioner Ahrens was absent. There were no members of the public present.

Chair Shillo 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. The BOC and management would like to thank Mr. David Edwards for his assistance in investigating the electrical usage at the Theater. The Ferry District will be replacing the current electric service.

**Budget Modification**

RESOLUTION 2021 – 172

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**

5SM1910.4.000.500	Silver Eel Expense: Ferry Insurance	\$ 5,400.00
5SM5710.2.000.300	Silver Eel Expense: Repairs	\$ 1,467.92
5SM5710.4.000.350	Silver Eel Expense: Fuel	\$ 3,148.83
5SM5710.4.000.910	Silver Eel Expense: CC Card/Fees	\$ 928.20
5SM1310.4.000.000	Accounting/Finance	\$ 1,107.66
5SM1910.4.000.100	Ferry Insurance	\$ 112.93
5SM1910.4.000.200	Airport Insurance	\$ 350.00
5SM5610.4.000.000	Elizabeth Airport CE	\$ 40,000.00
5SM5709.2.000.100	Repairs: Rental Building	\$ 15,000.00

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5SM5710.4.000.300	Vessel Fuel Oil	\$ 20,000.00
5SM5710.1.000.000	Payroll Expense	\$ 60,000.00
5SM1910.4.000.300	Workers Comp	\$ 10,000.00
5SM9010.8.000.000	NYS Retirement	\$ 21,784.00
5SM9030.8.000.000	Social Security	\$ 14,000.00
5SM9050.8.000.000	Unemployment Benefits	\$ 15,000.00
5SM5710.4.000.000	Other Miscellaneous	\$ 10,000.00
5SM5710.4.000.100	Utilities-NL	\$ 10,000.00
5SM5710.4.000.200	Utilities-FI	\$ 5,000.00
5SM5710.4.000.600	Janitorial Supplies	\$ 1,700.00
5SM5710.4.000.950	Training/Education	\$ 2,000.00
5SM5710.4.400.100	Marine Engineering	\$ 1,000.00
5SM9710.7.000.000	Bond Interest	\$ 0.46
5SM9730.7.000.000	BAN Interest	\$ 5,000.00
5SM9730.6.000.000	BAN Principal	\$ 70,000.00
		\$ 313,000.00

**Increase Appropriations**

5SM5710.2.000.100	Ferry Repairs: Munnatawket	\$ 230,000.00
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5SM5710.2.000.000	Ferry Repairs: Both Vessels	\$ 63,000.00
5SM7155.4.000.000	Other Repairs: Theaters	\$ 10,000.00
5SM1420.4.000.000	Legal Fees	\$ 10,000.00
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		\$ 313,000.00

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

**Warrant**

RESOLUTION 2021 - 173

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated November 8, 2021, in the amount of \$382,781.58.

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

**Management Reports**

**Marine Update** - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. At 3:30 pm today, there was an issue with the starboard engine on Race Point. This issue is still being assessed. Cummins was in last week and fixed the turbo. Munnatawket is close to going to the shipyard.

**Dredging Plan** - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. The new start date for dredging is set for November 18, 2021. The contractor expects to pull out four hundred yards/day. Weather permitting, work should be completed within 4-5 days. The Ferry District will be moving the dredge spoils once put on land.

**Traffic** - Mr. Murphy reviewed October 2021 traffic. Passengers and Vehicles were up 12% and 14% respectively compared to October 2020. Commercial traffic was down 6% from the previous year. Overall, October traffic was very similar to 2019. On time percentage continues to improve.

**November/December Calendar** - Multiple members of the BOC have expressed hearing complaints regarding the missing 6:15/7:00 boats on Mondays and Tuesdays in November. Discussion ensued. The BOC agrees to reinstate the 6:15/7:00 boats on Monday and Tuesday for the November and December calendars.

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**Other**

**Legal/Settlement**

RESOLUTION 2021 – 174

WHEREAS the District was presented with a claim by Molly Cypherd for the sum of \$560.89 as reimbursement for her vehicle that was damaged backing onto the ferry on October 29, 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 Ferry 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 \$560.89 subject to the approval of District Counsel and the Southold Town Attorney.

Moved by: Commissioner D Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner J Reid

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

Nays: None

**Legal/Fedex**

RESOLUTION 2021 - 175

Whereas the Ferry District uses FedEx for various services; and

Whereas FedEx has offered the Ferry District a discount program for up to 30% of the posted tariffs; and

Therefore, it is RESOLVED to accept management's recommendation to upgrade to the service/program; and

It is further RESOLVED to authorize Gordon Murphy to execute the FedEx Transportation Services Agreement Client Agreement and any other ancillary documents related to the agreement subject to review by District counsel.

Moved by: Commissioner T Cashel

Seconded by: Commissioner J Reid

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

Nays: None

**Public Comment** - Ms. Jess Hall arrived at the BOC meeting after her work obligation at school and has requested time for public comment. The BOC agreed. Ms. Hall spoke on behalf of herself, as well as local teachers and emergency personnel. Ms. Hall expressed concern over the missing 6:15/7:00 boats at

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the beginning of the week and asked if there was a possibility to keep a late boat on a Friday or Saturday. Discussion ensued. The BOC informed Ms. Hall that they appreciate her input and the 6:15/7:00 boats have been added and will have more discussion regarding a late Friday boat.

**Legal/Health insurance**

RESOLUTION 2021 - 176

WHEREAS Carol Murphy is eligible to receive Medicare health coverage; and

WHEREAS Ms. Murphy has offered to discontinue coverage under the District's medical plan if the District will pay the full cost of her Medicare Supplement insurances as well as paying the portion of her Medicare Part B premium that exceeds the amount she currently contributes as her share of the premium for District-supplied insurance; and

WHEREAS the District wishes to realize the savings that will result from discontinuing said coverage under the District's medical plan, it is therefore

RESOLVED that, beginning January 1, 2022, the District will monthly reimburse Ms. Murphy her monthly costs for insurance supplementals to Medicare \$247.50 per month for the portion of her Medicare supplemental premiums.

Moved by: Commissioner T Cashel

Seconded by: Commissioner J Reid

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

Nays: None

**HR/Longevity**

RESOLUTION 2021 – 177

It is RESOLVED to rescind resolution 2020-0161; and

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 November 27, 2021, Mr. Nicholas Espinosa's pay rate be increased by 1% to \$26.45.

Moved by: Commissioner J Reid

Seconded by: Commissioner D Shillo

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

Nays: None

**Legal/Propeller Award**

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RESOLUTION 2021 – 178

It is resolved to amend resolution 2021-167 as follows:

WHEREAS the Fishers Island Ferry District (“FIFD”) desires to replace the propellers on the ferry M/V Munnatawket and acquire a spare set of propellers for the ferry M/V Race Point; and

WHEREAS, the FIFD has requested quotes from various marine contractors related to replacement of the propellers for the M/V Munnatawket and acquisition of the spare set of propellers for the M/V Race Point; and

WHEREAS the bids were opened on October 1, 2021, and the bid for the replacement of the propellers for the M/V Munnatawket was awarded to Scandia Propeller; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the awarding of the bid, Scandia Propeller was forced to withdraw its offered bid due to global supply chain issues beyond its control; and

WHEREAS the maintenance of continued ferry service to and from Fishers Island is a paramount concern to health, lives and continued safety to all residents on the Island, and the interruption of the same constitutes an emergency condition requiring immediate attention; and

WHEREAS the FIFD was able to locate alternative propellers that would accommodate the M/V Munnatawket from the second highest bidder, WildCat Propellers for an amended price; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York General Municipal Law section 103(4), the FIFD has determined that the foregoing constitutes an unforeseen occurrence that has created a public emergency affecting the life, health and safety of the inhabitants of the FIFD that requires immediate action which cannot await competitive bidding, and

Now, therefore be it RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District waives the requirement of a second quote in Guideline 8 of the FIFD’s Procurement Policy to address the immediate emergency need; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the FIFD hereby accepts the proposal of WildCat Propellers, dated October 25, 2021, for alternative propellers for the M/V Munnatawket and the M/V Race Point, for \$54,736.00, retroactive to October 1, 2021, subject to the approval of District Counsel.

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

**Marine Update** - Mr. Haney joined the BOC meeting to update the BOC regarding Race Point. There is an electrical issue going on in the computer part of either Cummins or Twin Disc. Mr. Haney has a call in to the field engineer and their regional sales manager to get someone to come out tomorrow to correct the issue.

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**Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 22, 2021, at 4:00 PM at the Island Community Center and via Tele/Videoconference. There will be a working session on Monday, November 15, 2021, at 4:00 PM at the Island Community Center.**

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner T. Cashel, seconded by Commissioner D. Shillo, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.