

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Fishers Island Ferry District  
November 22, 2021

Chair Shillo called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (“the Ferry District”) to order on November 22, 2021, at 4:00 PM at the Island Community Center and via videoconference.

Commissioners Ace Ahrens, Heather Burnham, Tom Cashel, Jim Reid and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, Gordon Murphy, and Deanna Ross. 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.

**Warrant**

RESOLUTION 2021 - 178

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated November 22, 2021, in the amount of \$43,089.96.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

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

Nays: None

**Management Reports**

**Marine Update** - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. Munnatawket will be going to dry dock next week. Race Point can be run; however there will be a new CIB installed tomorrow which is causing a voltage spike. Discussion ensued regarding concern for the engine issues that has been occurring with Race Point especially considering Munnatawket going out for its yard package. Mr. Cook is hopeful that this is the last of the issues and that Cross Sound’s Caribbean can be used for back up if needed.

**Ticketing** - Mr. Cook informed the BOC that management is still moving forward with the new ticketing system with Fair Harbor. Prior to implementation, the public will be informed of the change and their need to create new login information.

**Dredging Update** - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. Dredging started November 21, 2021. Contractors are staying in the Ferry house and will be working throughout the night. Contractors will be moving 200+ yards/day, with a total of approximately 1700 yards and should be completed in 8 days. The Contractors will not be working this Wednesday or Thursday night due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Spoils are being put on shore at night and during the day a ferry crew will be dispersing the spoils along the bank with loaders.

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**Four Year P&L** - Mr. Cook shared the four-year (2018-2021) P&L statements with the BOC. Fund Balance has done very well over the four years. Discussion ensued and the BOC has agreed to meet to discuss a new five-year plan.

**Other**

**5% Late Fee on Freight and Other Receivables** - Management would like to impose a 5% late fee on unpaid freight/receivable balances. Discussion ensued. The BOC has agreed and management will set up a procedure to present to the BOC within the next several meetings.

**Airport Fee Revision** - Mr. Murphy reported that most airports charge their rates by weight of the aircraft and is proposing that any aircraft above 4500 MGLW get charged a commercial rate.

**Airport/Rates**

RESOLUTION 2021 - 179

It is RESOLVED that with effect January 1, 2022 the rates for Elizabeth Field Airport are as follows:

2022 Airport rates	
Single (non-commercial)**	\$ 20
Twin (non-commercial)**	\$ 50
Helicopter (non-commercial)**	\$ 50
Commercial (plane & helicopter)	\$ 100
** Aircraft > 4500 MGLW	\$ 100
Tie-down (per night)*	\$ 30

*\*Tie-down does NOT include landing fee*

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

**Army Corps Letter** - Mr. Murphy shared a letter to the BOC from the US Army Corps of Engineers alerting the Ferry District that the property they maintain has possible munitions that may pose an explosive hazard to the public. The BOC has asked management to share with Mrs. Jane Ahrens to post on the Fishers Island website.

**Legal/MF**

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WHEREAS Michael Franco is eligible to receive Medicare health coverage; and

WHEREAS Mr. Franco 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 Mr. Franco his monthly costs for insurance supplementals to Medicare \$170.10 per month for the portion of his Medicare supplemental premiums.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

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

Nays: None

**Legal/CAM**

RESOLUTION 2021 - 181

It is RESOLVED to rescind resolution 2021 – 175; and

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 \$269.10 per month for the portion of her Medicare supplemental premiums.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

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

Nays: None

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*RESOLUTION 2021 - 175*

*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*

**Legal/AW**

**RESOLUTION 2021 - 182**

Whereas, the Fishers Island Ferry District requires additional assistance as an equipment operator for the dredging project; and

Whereas, the Fishers Island Ferry District wishes to engage Alex Williams as an independent contractor for up to 30 hours of on-site equipment operating; and

Therefore, it is RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District engages Ms. Williams as an independent contractor for up to 30 hours of on-site at a rate of \$35.00 per hour subject to review of district counsel.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham

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

Nays: None

**Executive Session**

At 16:53, 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

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

At 17:50, the following resolution was proposed:

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

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

**Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 6, 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 J. Reid, seconded by Commissioner T. Cashel, the meeting was adjourned at 5:52 pm.