

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
April 4, 2022

Chair Ahrens called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on April 4, 2022, at 4:00 PM at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.

Commissioners Heather Burnham, Tom Cashel Jim Reid and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, David McCall and Deanna Ross. There were no members of the public present.

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

Correspondence/Public Comment - Mr. Cook reported that he received correspondence from Ms. Diane Dexter regarding upcoming medical travel days. Chair Ahrens reported that a Fishers Island Blood Drive is in the works for June 2022 and would like the Ferry District to waive the fee of the sprinter van that will bring over the necessary supplies for the blood drive. Discussion ensued regarding the upcoming summer schedule which Mr. Cook is working on with Mr. Haney and hopes to have it complete in time to be added to the phone book. There was no public comment.

Minutes

Resolution 2022-049

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the following minutes:

- a. March 22

of the Board of Commissioner meetings.

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

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2022 - 050

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated March 21, 2022, in the amount of \$187,280.56

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

Management Reports

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Munnatawket Update - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. All the steel and insulation has been replaced. The crew has been painting the cabin and the radiators and seats will be installed. Chargeable outlets have been placed at all seats. Mr. Cook is hopeful that the boat should return by April 15, 2022. Once the boat returns, the USCG will perform it's 5 year inspection.

Race Point Update - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. Twin Disc was out last Friday to replace a faulty Coast Guard Cable which has happened in the past. According to the Twin Disc Technician, the solder is not holding. This cable is a requirement by the USCG and Twin Disc has reported trouble with this cable in numerous applications. The design plans for isolating the aft station is still in process and once approved should solve the issue with the cable. Discussion ensued regarding last week's weather cancellations for Friday, April 1, 2022. Mr. Cook reported that management uses two weather apps including Windy and NOAA. Both trusted apps were calling for wind conditions of 40-45 knots out of the SouthWest. South-West winds are unusual but can make docking difficult at the New London Terminal. As a result, the 3:30/4:45 and 6:15/7:00 boats were cancelled. Mr. Cook stated that the decision to cancel any boat related to weather is not taken lightly and up to this particular time feels management has made good calls.

CSEA Update - Mr. Cook reported that the new CSEA contract is in the process of being drawn up by legal and once ready, the BOC will need to approve.

Traffic - Mr. Cook reviewed February 2022 traffic. Overall passengers and commercial traffic was up 32% and 14% respectively compared to February 2021. Vehicles were down 10% compared to February 2021. Multiple trips were cancelled February 5th through February 7th due to mechanical issues and one trip on February 18th due to weather.

Other - Mr. Cook reported that fuel costs have been up 375%. For the first quarter of 2022, fuel costs were \$94,000 vs \$20,000 in the first quarter of 2021. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of instituting a fuel surcharge. The BOC has asked management to gather more detailed information to review at the next BOC meeting before making a decision. Mr. Cook reported that he has had discussions with Mr. John Waterhouse from Elliot Bay Design Group who design and build ferries. Mr. Cook will invite Mr. Waterhouse to a future BOC meeting to educate the BOC with regard to the process of designing and building a new ferry should they decide to go that route. The BOC has agreed to renew a 3 year lease with Fishers Island Waste Management for \$1.00/year. The BOC has asked management to put out an RFP for the Fishers Island Theater roof. Mr. Cook reported that the Fishers Island Office is currently being painted and a new floor will be installed soon. The new Airport Hanger is currently under construction. Mr. Cook will be talking to Mr. Bruce Hubert regarding painting of the airport building.

Executive Session - No executive session is needed at this time.

HR Hiller/Ortiz

RESOLUTION 2022 – 051

It is RESOLVED to accept the resignation of Leo Ortiz with effect March 24, 2022.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo
Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

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

RESOLUTION 2022 – 052

It is RESOLVED to accept the resignation of Jonathan Hiller with effect March 29, 2022.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

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

Nays: None

Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 4:00 PM at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner D. Shillo, seconded by Commissioner J. Reid, the meeting was adjourned at 4:57 pm.