

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Fishers Island Ferry District  
April 19, 2022

Chair Burnham called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on April 19, 2022, at 4:00 PM at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.

Commissioners Ace Ahrens, Tom Cashel Jim Reid and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, David McCall, John Haney, Carol Murphy and Deanna Ross. Members of the public included Dave Congdon and John Waterhouse.

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

**Correspondence/Public Comment** - Mr. McCall reported that he received a letter from Mr. Gordon Murphy regarding his resignation effective April 19, 2022. Mr. Cook reported that Ms. Liz Furse will be moving to Fishers Island full time and will be applying for a resident application. Mr. Jay Scanlon met with Mr. McCall regarding the need for rental space for his business. Mr. McCall and Mr. Cook are looking at viable options to help Mr. Scanlon. Commissioner Cashel reported that he spoke with Mrs. Anne Redd regarding Friends of the Fishers Island Theater. Mr. Luke Fowler has agreed to meet with the subcommittee of FFIT this week and the group plans to have a vote by next week.

**Minutes**

Resolution 2022- 053

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the following minutes: April 4, 2022

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

**Warrant**

RESOLUTION 2022 - 054

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated April 19, 2022, in the amount of \$61,492.71

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

**Financials** - Carol Murphy updated the BOC regarding March 2022 financials, as well as, 1st quarter financials. Ms. Murphy reported that the Ferry District received some invoices from Thames Shipyard to-

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day that will take the district over budget. A budget Mod of \$6000 will take place in two weeks. All documentation has been received from the Town of Southold for the 2021 Audit. Ms. Murphy believes the final financial report should be completed by the end of May. Ms. Murphy also reported that she has been reviewing the employee medical insurance benefit and the cost to employees through payroll deduction. The current coverage is based on age, not coverage and has reached out to the Gowrie Group and is hopeful to get it more equitable in terms of payroll deductions.

**Elliot Bay Design Group Presentation** - Mr. John Waterhouse gave a presentation to the BOC regarding the company and their experience with ferry boat design. Discussion ensued regarding the process of designing a new ferry. Mr. Cook will continue to follow up with Mr. Waterhouse going forward.

### **Management Reports**

**Race Point Update** - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. Cummins will be coming out this Thursday for routine maintenance and making some corrections to the system. The 5 year inspection was completed two weeks ago and went very well. The new COI date is April 4th and annual inspections must take place within 90 days of that date. Mr. Haney is still waiting on Twin Disc to get back to him regarding the new feed for the second station in the bridge. Mr. Haney reported that he has learned that Cross Sound Ferry has had similar issues with the same system so the problems are not unique to Fishers Island Ferry.

**Munnatawket Update** - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. The 5 year inspection took place on April 15, 2022. The boat is fully operational. The boat will need to go back to the yard to finish up some painting. Mr. Haney reported that the boat is quieter.

**Silver Eel Update** - Mr. Haney spoke with Fort Rachel today regarding Silver Eel. No timeline has been established for the new engines; however, other marinas are starting to receive engines.

**Summer Hires** - Mr. Haney reported that he has hired two new summer hires and is expecting to interview two more later in the week. Mr. Haney has reached out to guidance counselors of several local schools in hopes of getting some leads on more summer help. Mr. McCall reported he has hired one summer hire and is looking for one more on the Fishers side.

**Mask Mandate** - Discussion ensued regarding the mask mandate that was dropped due to a new judge ruling. The BOC and management has agreed to drop the mask mandate on the boats and the terminal but continue to encourage mask wearing if indoors. Management will work on new signage and post the change on social media.

**CSEA Update** - Mr. Cook informed the BOC that the new agreement has been drafted and awaiting approval from the Union. Once approved by the Union, the new agreement will need to be approved by the BOC.

### **HR/New Hire**

RESOLUTION 2022-55

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WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Deckhands (FIFD) and deckhands with industry experience; and

Therefore it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect May 2, 2022, Donald J. Adams as part-time Deckhand (FIFD) at a rate of \$17.00 per hour.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

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

Nays: None

**HR/New Hire**

RESOLUTION 2022-56

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional full-time Deckhands (FIFD) during the peak season;

Therefore it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect May 2, 2022, Robert Drozynski as part-time Deckhand (FIFD) at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

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

Nays: None

**Summer Schedule** - The new summer schedule is complete and will be printed in the phonebook. The summer schedule is a 3 month schedule and will start May 26, 2022.

**Other**

**Fuel Surcharge** - Mr. McCall updated the BOC. Management has done some research into what sister companies are doing with regard to rising fuel costs. Some companies use a percentage amount and some use a dollar amount. Discussion ensued. The BOC has agreed to institute a 5% fuel surcharge across the board until the end of year and will evaluate monthly. The fuel surcharge will go into effect on May 1, 2022 and not be placed on freight.

**Airport Update** - Mr. Cook reported that he will be sending out an RFP to paint the airport building.

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

**Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 2, 2022, at 4:00 PM at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.**

**Adjournment**

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There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner A. Ahrens, seconded by Commissioner J. Reid, the meeting was adjourned at 5:32 pm.