

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
May 2, 2022

Chair Burnham called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on May 2, 2022, at 4:00 PM at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.

Commissioners Ace Ahrens, Tom Cashel and Jim Reid were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, David McCall, John Haney and Deanna Ross. Commissioner Shillo was absent. There were no members of the public present.

Chair Burnham 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.

Minutes

Resolution 2022-057

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the following minutes: April 19, 2022

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

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2022 - 058

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated May 2, 2022, in the amount of \$237,913.04

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

Budget Mod

Resolution 2022- 059

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby amends the 2022 Fishers Island Ferry District budget as follows:

Increase Appropriations

SM.5710.2.000.1000 Repairs: Munnatawket \$40,000.00

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Airport: Capital Expenditures \$20,000.00

Repairs: FI Theater \$15,000.00

\$75,000.00

Decrease Appropriations

Repairs: Docks & Terminals \$60,000.00

Repairs: Rental Buildings \$15,000.00

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

Other - Chair Burnham inquired to management regarding the moving of Mr. Jay Scanlon. Mr. Cook and Mr. McCall reported that the move is still in the works but the Ferry District has offered some solutions.

Legal/RP

RESOLUTION 2022 -060

WHEREAS the MV Race Point developed an electrical/mechanical malfunction on Thursday, March 31st, 2022, and repairs were made by Ferry District personnel and;

Whereas the repairs were not sufficient, and the Race Point was taken out-of-service on Friday, April 1 and;

Whereas it was determined that a specialist firm should be engaged to analyze and repair the engine controls systems; and,

Therefore it is RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners, hereby declares the inoperable condition of the Race Point an emergency, waives the requirement for competitive bids; and

It is further RESOLVED to engage Sound Mobile Marine LLC (Popeye) for the amount of \$1200.00 to run a special trip on April 1, 2022 and to charter a ferry from Cross Sound Ferries (CSF) for use on April 1, 2022 at a rate of \$2,400.00.

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

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Theater Update - Commissioner Cashel reported that there is no update regarding the Theater and Friends of the Fishers Island Theater.

HR

Resolution 2022-061

It is resolved to rescind Resolution 2022 -055

Resolution 2022-055

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

Moved by: Commissioner Reid

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2022-062

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

Therefore it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect May 11, 2022, Donald J. Adams as part-time Deckhand (FIFD) at a rate of \$17.00 per hour.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2022-063

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Deckhands (FIFD) and deckhands and

Therefore it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect May 11, 2022, Matthew L. Fermo as part-time Deckhand (FIFD) at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.

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

RESOLUTION 2022-064

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Ticket Agent (FIFD) and

Therefore it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect May 11, 2022, Heather Proudman as part-time Ticket Agent (FIFD) at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.

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

RESOLUTION 2022-065

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional stager (FIFD) and

Therefore it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect May 11, 2022, Geffen D Lamar as part-time stager (FIFD) at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.

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

RESOLUTION 2022 – 066

Whereas Gordon S. Murphy has served the Ferry District with distinction and with the appreciation from the Board of Commissioners for over 10 years.

Whereas, Mr. Murphy has agreed to retire from his position at the Fishers Island Ferry District at the end of business April 18, 2022; and

Whereas Mr. Murphy as accrued 40 days of sick pay: and

Therefore, the Ferry District will pay out his accrued sick time totaling \$16,616.70; and

Therefore, it is RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District to authorize the payment of \$16,616.70 to Mr. Murphy subject to review by counsel.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens
Seconded by: Commissioner Reid
Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, T. Cashel, and J. Reid

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CSEA - Mr. Cook informed the BOC that the new contract has not been signed. The parties have a meeting scheduled this Wednesday, May 4, 2022. Commissioner Ahrens reported that on behalf of the crew, Mr. John Paradis thanked him and the entire BOC for their best efforts with the new contract.

Fuel Surcharge - Mr. Cook informed the BOC that he is prepared to initiate a fuel surcharge should the BOC approve. Discussion ensued and the BOC has agreed to institute a 5% fuel surcharge on all vehicles and passengers. The fuel surcharge will not be added to freight. The surcharge will go into effect on Wednesday, May 4, 2022. The BOC has asked management to get the message out and place signage at the ticket counter.

Fuel Surcharge

RESOLUTION 2022-067

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the gross delivered fuel price for our vessels has exceeded the budgeted price per gallon, a 5% fuel surcharge (rounded to the nearest 25 cent) will be added to passenger fares and all vehicle pricing effective May 4, 2022

Moved by: Commissioner Reid

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

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

Management Reports

Race Point Update - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. Mr. Haney checked in with Twin Disc this morning to see if they were moving along with a DVTP for an emergency helm station up in the bridge. Twin Disc was looking into it. Mr. Haney also reported that in anticipation for the upcoming yard package for the Race Point, he has been ordering anything that would have an unusual lead time. The windows have been approved by the USCG so management will just have to pick the style of window that they want.

Munnatawket Update - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. Currently the crew is finishing painting projects; however, the boat is available if needed and the smaller boat will be used if the manifest dictates, as it uses less fuel. Commissioner Cashel asked if management thought the pricing was right for the larger trucks given the extra wear and tear. Mr. Haney does not feel the Ferry District is charging enough but understands the costs associated with an aging boat. Mr. Haney has agreed to look at the pricing a little closer. Mr. Cook reported that a representative from Elliot Bay Design Group will be joining them to ride the ferry on May 11, 2022.

Silver Eel Update - Mr. Haney reported that he called Yamaha and there is still no tracking information available on the backordered engines.

Other - Mr. Haney reported that the Captains are requesting that the 25-minute rule be moved to 30 minutes. Discussion ensued. Management will look into it more closely before the BOC makes a decision but appreciates the Captain's concerns.

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Traffic - Mr. Haney reviewed March 2022 Traffic. Overall, passengers, vehicles and commercial traffic was down 1%, 13%, and 2% respectively compared with March 2021. Overall on time percentage is up 3% compared to March 2021.

Other - Mr. Cook reported that the RFPs for the Theater roof and the Airport painting are out and both are due next Tuesday, May 10, 2022. Commissioner Ahrens reminded management of the Blood Drive that is taking place on Fishers Island on June 3, 2022. Mr. Haney has been in contact with Mrs. Jane Ahrens and is willing to make any arrangements to get the phlebotomists off the island. Chair Burnham reported that the plants for ferry park have been ordered and will be planted in the near future.

Executive Session

At 17:08 it was RESOLVED, that the Commission move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

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

At 17:28 it was RESOLVED that the Commission exit from Executive Session and resume Public Session.

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

Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 16, 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 J. Reid, seconded by Commissioner A. Ahrens, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.