

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
May 16, 2022

Chair Burnham called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on May 16, 2022, at 4:00 PM at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.

Commissioners Ace Ahrens, Tom Cashel and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, David McCall, Jon Haney and Deanna Ross. Commissioner Reid 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 and Mr. McCall reported that no correspondence was received. There was no public comment.

Minutes

RESOLUTION 2022-069

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the following minutes: May 2, 2022 and May 5, 2022

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham

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

Nays: None

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2022 – 070

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated May 16, 2022, in the amount of \$41,064.22

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

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

Nays: None

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HR-New Hire

RESOLUTION 2022-071

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Deckhands.

Therefore, it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect May 25, 2022, Catherine Keating as a part-time deckhand at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.

It is further RESOLVED to temporarily appoint with effect May 25, 2022, Ms. Keating from part-time to full-time summer seasonal status. On September 19, 2022, Ms. Keating will terminate her summer seasonal position and on September 20, 2022, be re-appointed to part-time Deckhand.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

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

Nays:

HR

RESOLUTION 2022-072

It is resolved to rescind Resolution 2022-065

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

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

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

Nays:

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RESOLUTION 2022-073

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Laborers;

Therefore, it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect May 25, 2022, Geffen Lamar as a part-time Laborer at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.

It is further RESOLVED to temporarily appoint with effect May 25, 2022, Mr. Lamar from part-time to full-time summer seasonal status. On September 19, 2022, Mr. Lamar will terminate his summer seasonal position and on September 20, 2022 be re-appointed to part-time Laborer.

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

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

Nays:

HR- New Hire

RESOLUTION 2022-074

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Laborers;

Therefore, it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect May 25, 2022, Brandon Conary as a part-time Laborer at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.

It is further RESOLVED to temporarily appoint with effect May 25, 2022, Mr. Conary from part-time to full-time summer seasonal status. On September 19, 2022, Mr. Conary will terminate his summer seasonal position and on September 20, 2022 be re-appointed to part-time Laborer.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

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

Nays:

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RESOLUTION 2022-075

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Cashiers.

Therefore, it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect May 25, 2022, Heather Proudman as a part-time cashier at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.

It is further RESOLVED to temporarily appoint with effect May 25, 2022, Ms. Proudman from part-time to full-time summer seasonal status. On September 19, 2022, Ms. Proudman will terminate her summer seasonal position and on September 20, 2022, be re-appointed to part-time Cashier.

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

HR – Amend Start Date

RESOLUTION 2022-076

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

Therefore, it is RESOLVED to amend Resolution 2022-068 and appoint, with effect May 12, 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, D. Shillo and T. Cashel.
Nays: None

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HR - Amend Start Date

RESOLUTION 2022-77

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

Therefore, it is RESOLVED amend Resolution 2022-063 and appoint, with effect May 12, 2022, Matthew L. Fermo as part-time Deckhand (FIFD) at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

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

Nays: None

HR - Resignation

RESOLUTION 2022 - 078

WHEREAS Rhamir Mason has resigned from his position as Deckhand (FIFD) with the Fishers Island Ferry District effective May 15, 2022; and

WHEREAS Rhamir Mason is owed additional compensation of nine vacation days totaling \$1389.60

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accepts the resignation of Mr. Mason with effect May 15, 2022.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

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

Nays: None

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Contract Award – Airport Building

RESOLUTION 2022 – 079

WHEREAS certain public buildings require maintenance; and

Whereas a Request for Proposals was issued and advertised in a widely circulated publication;
and

Whereas management has received three quotes; and

Whereas management recommends the acceptance of the HBH Contracting proposal.

Therefore it is RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District accepts the proposal from HBH Contracting for the painting of the Airport Building for \$24,500.00.

It is further RESOLVED to authorize management to execute all contracts and ancillary documents and pay all reviewed invoices, subject to review by counsel.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

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

Nays: None

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Movie Theater Roof Update - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. The bids received included bids for an asphalt roof and a metal roof. Discussion ensued regarding both types of roofing materials. The BOC has agreed to the metal roof. Discussion ensued regarding the color of the metal roof and the BOC has agreed to a neutral color. Mr. Cook will reach out to Mr. Craig Shultz with regard to availability.

Contract Award – Movie Theater Roof

RESOLUTION 2022 – 080

WHEREAS certain public buildings require maintenance; and

Whereas a Request for Proposals was issued and advertised in a widely circulated publication; and

Whereas management has received two quotes; and

Whereas management recommends the acceptance of the C.R. Shultz Associates LLC. proposal for a metal roof as best overall value.

Therefore, it is RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District accepts the proposal from C.R. Schultz Associates, LLC. for the roof replacement of the Fishers Island Movie Theater for \$105,640.

It is further RESOLVED to authorize management to execute all contracts and ancillary documents and pay all reviewed invoices, subject to review by counsel.

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

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

Nays: None

Theater Lease and Letter of Intent - Commissioner Cashel updated the BOC. Discussion ensued regarding the details of the Letter of Intent regarding the sale of the Theater building to Friends of the Fishers Island Theater. Once terms have been agreed to, management will put out an RFP and hold a public hearing. Mr. Cook will consult with the Town Attorney.

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Legal – Theater Management

RESOLUTION 2022 - 081

WHEREAS the Friends of Fishers Island Theater, Inc. wishes to operate the community theater in 2022.

Therefore it is RESOLVED to authorize management to negotiate and enter into a contract with the Friends of Fishers Island Theater, Inc. to operate the community theater for \$1,000.00 from June 1, 2022 - November 1, 2022 subject to review by counsel.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

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

Nays: None

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Fuel Surcharge-AMEND Rounding pricing up to nearest dollar

RESOLUTION 2022-082

RESOLUTION 2022-067 AMEND

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED to amend Resolution 2022-067, that the gross delivered fuel price for our vessels has exceeded the budgeted price per gallon, a 5% fuel surcharge rounded down to the nearest dollar will be added to passenger fares effective May 4, 2022. All vehicle pricing will be increased by 5% fuel surcharge and will rounded up to the nearest dollar effective May 4, 2022. This will ease a change shortage for our cashiers.

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

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

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RESOLUTION 2022 – 083

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional full-time Deckhands (FIFD) during the peak season between May 15, 2022, and September 15, 2022;

Therefore it is RESOLVED to temporarily appoint with effect May 15, 2022 Jonathan Allen, Don Adams, Michael Barnwell, Kyle Bentley, Mark Boehm, Chriss Bridgman, Quinn Carey, Karina Curbelo, David Ferace, Vince Haring, Mary Kirby, John Leese and as summer seasonal Deckhand (FIFD).

On September 15, 2022, will terminate their summer seasonal positions and on September 16, 2022 Jonathan Allen, Don Adams, Michael Barnwell, Kyle Bentley, Mark Boehm, Chriss Bridgman, Quinn Carey, Karina Curbelo, Robert Drozynski, David Ferace, Vince Haring, Mary Kirby, John Leese be re-appointed to part-time Deckhand (FIFD).

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

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

Nays: None

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Management Reports

Race Point Update - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. Race Point has been running five minutes late on all trips for the past week and a half due to a faulty turbo from Cummins. This will be the third one needing replaced due to a design flaw. Currently the boat is operating at 1550 rpm as opposed to 1750 rpm causing about a 1 1/2 knot difference. Currently there are none on the shelf and no timeline. The BOC has directed Mr. Haney to purchase a turbo at \$11,000 to have on our shelf in the event this happens again. In all replacements, the part is under warranty. Mr. Haney also reported that he has increased the deckhands to four to facilitate faster loading and quicker turnaround time. A representative from Bomar, Inc from New Hampshire visited on Friday, May 13, 2022 to look at all the windows on Race Point. The new windows will almost be the full size of the casing.

Munnatawket Update - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. The boat is ready to be put in service. Munnatawket will be used this coming Sunday and Monday while the Race Point deck gets painted. The boat will be out of service June 6, 2022 through June 10, 2022 for general maintenance.

Silver Eel Update - Mr. Haney spoke with Fort Rachel and the marina received the powerhead. The marina is hoping to get to it by the end of this week. Once work is completed, Mr. Haney will schedule the COI with the USCG prior to carrying passengers. No timeline has been set for launching of Silver Eel.

Other - Mr. Haney reported that a crew meeting is scheduled for Tuesday morning. The BOC has asked Mr. Haney to express their appreciation for all they do and to let the crew know that they are hopeful that the biannual BOC meetings in New London will be reinstated this fall.

Ticket Talk - Discussion ensued regarding the new ticketing process. Recently a change was made where one only shows their ticket from New London to Fishers Island and gives it up on the return form Fishers Island to New London. There is concern for a workaround if one would leave the Island by another means. Mr. Cook is working on future scanning capabilities; however, until then the BOC has asked management to go back to the old system of perforated tickets.

Bronze Props - Discussion ensued regarding the two old bronze propellers from Race Point. Mr. Cook reported that the scrap yard would give them \$600. After further discussion, the BOC would like to use them as architectural art in the new Ferry Park.

NYSP Memorandum of Understanding - A new Memorandum of Understanding between the NYSP and the Fishers Island Ferry District was received. Mr. Cook will sign.

Medical Insurance and PFMLA Update - Mr. Cook informed the BOC that the PFMLA is still in the works by the attorneys. The BOC and management has agreed that they want the PFMLA to be effective July 1, 2022. The renewal for Medical Insurance is the same policy but has increased by 11%.

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

Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at 4:00 PM at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.

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Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner D. Shillo, seconded by Commissioner A. Ahrens, the meeting was adjourned at 5:34 pm.