

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Fishers Island Ferry District  
June 13, 2022

Chair Burnham called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on June 13, 2022, at 4:00 PM at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.

Commissioners Tom Cashel, Jim Reid and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, David McCall, John Haney, Carol Murphy and Deanna Ross. 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 he received correspondence from the Town of Southold stating that they are willing to pay \$1,200.00 for use of the Race Point for the TOS meeting on Fishers Island on August 3, 2022. This will cover the increased cost of fuel and some labor. An email was received from Mrs. Elizabeth Reid addressing difficulty in canceling reservations on the website. Discussion ensued regarding the ability for all users to have an account. Mr. Cook responded to Mrs. Reid. Further discussion ensued regarding going back to perforated tickets to avoid any potential scamming. The BOC has asked management to tear tickets until the perforated tickets are in stock. The BOC has also asked management to post all special schedules on the website. Correspondence was received from the Community Center requesting use of the ferry for the fireworks cruise on July 9, 2022. The BOC has approved the charter for \$2,200.00.

**Minutes**

Resolution 2022- 084

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the following minutes: May 31, 2022

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

**Warrant**

RESOLUTION 2022 - 098

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated May 31, 2022, in the amount of \$58,513.40.

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

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**Dolphin Replacements in New London** - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. Two quotes were received to replace the dolphins and would cost approximately \$1,000,000. Dive studies have been completed and the current dolphins have 25% and 50% life. The project would require bonding. Discussion ensued. Mr. Cook has agreed to provide the BOC with more detailed information before making a decision on how to proceed with the replacements.

**Budget Mod**

RESOLUTION  
2022-099

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.5710.2.000.200	Repairs: Race Point	\$ 20,000.00
SM.5610.2.000.000	Airport: Capital Expenditures	\$ 15,000.00

**Decrease Appropriations**

SM.5709.2.000.200	Repairs: Docks & Terminals	\$ 35,000.00
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		\$ <b>35,000.00</b>

MOVED by Commissioner Shillo

SECONDED by Commissioner Reid

Ayes: Burnham, Cashel, Reid and Shillo

Nays: None

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**HR – New Hire**

RESOLUTION 2022-100

It is resolved to rescind Resolution 2022-088

*RESOLUTION 2022-088*

*WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Deckhands;*

*Therefore it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect June 8th 2022, Claire Angier as a part-time deckhand at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.*

*It is further RESOLVED to temporarily appoint with effect June 8th, 2022, Ms. Angier from part-time to full-time summer seasonal status. On September 19, 2022, Ms. Angier will terminate her summer seasonal position and on September 20, 2022 be re-appointed to part-time Deckhand.*

*Moved by: Commissioner Shillo*

*Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham*

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

*Nays: None*

Moved by: Commissioner Reid

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

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

Nays: None

**HR-AMEND 2022-101**

**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, , Kyle Bentley, Mark Boehm, Chriss Bridgman, Quinn Carey, David Ferace, Vince Harring, Mary Kirby, John Leese and Robert Drozynski as summer seasonal Deckhand (FIFD).

Additionally, Michael Barnwell shall be temporarily appointed with effect June 22, 2022 as a Seasonal Laborer and Karina Curbelo shall be temporarily appointed on the same date as a Seasonal Cashier.

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

Additionally, On September 15, 2022, the following will terminate their summer seasonal positions and on September 16, 2022 Michael Barnwell and Karina Curbelo shall be reinstated as part-time Laborer and part-time Cashier respectively.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

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

Nays: None

**IT**

**RESOLUTION 2022 – 102**

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires Information Technology (“IT”) consultants to install its new network servers and integrate all desktop work stations; and

Whereas two quotes were received; and

Whereas management recommends Star Computers of Niantic, CT to provide IT services to the Ferry District based on best value; and

Therefore it is RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes management to execute an agreement in the amount of \$9,842.00 for on site server installation.

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

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

Nays: None

**Commissioner Ace Ahrens arrived at the meeting at 4:30pm.**

**Financials Review** - Carol Murphy reviewed year to date financials with the BOC. All property tax revenues have been collected totaling 1.420 Mil. Current fuel costs through May 12, 2022 were \$193,000. Another delivery is expected tomorrow with an anticipated cost of \$30,000. Fuel originally was budgeted for the year for \$250,000 but was increased to \$510,000 with the anticipated rise in fuel costs. The Fuel surcharge has brought in \$19,000 since May 4, 2022. The BOC and management will continue to monitor the rising fuel costs.

**Management Reports**

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**Traffic Update** - Mr. Haney reviewed April 2022 traffic. Passenger and commercial traffic was up by 5% and 20% respectively from April 2021. Vehicles were down 5% compared to April 2021.

**Race Point Update** - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. Cummins returned and replaced the manifold. Race Point is now running at its normal speed. The crew continues to work on routine maintenance on the boat including painting.

**Munnatawket Update** - Mr. Haney reported that there are no new updates regarding Munnatawket.

**Silver Eel Update** - Mr. Haney reported that the powerhead install is expected to be completed by tomorrow, June 17, 2022. Test runs will be performed before bringing the boat back to New London. The USCG inspection is scheduled for June 23, 2022. The expectation is to have the boat running by Wednesday, June 29, 2022. A tentative schedule is in place and awaiting approval. Mr. Cook reported that ticket pricing may need to be adjusted.

**Other** - Mr. Cook informed the BOC that medical waiver requests were received from the Nortons, Smiths, Dexter and Tate. The BOC has approved all medical waivers. Commissioner Reid inquired about freight operations. Mr. McCall reported that freight is running better now that there are more employees; however, the volume continues to increase as the busy season approaches. Discussion ensued regarding freight emails. Customers are not receiving emails when they receive freight. Mr. Cook and Mr. McCall will look into the matter further.

#### **Executive Session**

At 17:22 it was RESOLVED, that the Commission move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing HR and benefits matters.

Moved by: Commissioner T. Cashel

Seconded by: Commissioner J. Reid

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

Nays: None

At 17:46 it was RESOLVED that the Commission exit from Executive Session and resume Public Session.

Moved by: Commissioner D. Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner A. Ahrens

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

Nays: None

**Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 27, 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 D. Shillo, seconded by Commissioner J. Reid, the meeting was adjourned at 5:47 pm.