

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
June 27, 2022

Chair Cashel called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on June 27, 2022, at 4:00 PM at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.

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

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

Correspondence/Public Comment - Mr. Cook reported a public comment was placed on Google reviews from Robert Edbert stating that the Fishers Island Ferry Captains are unsafe. Mr. Edbert reported that while he was anchored in the general anchorage in New London that two ferries buzzed by their boat within 30 feet. Mr. Edbert stated that he has 30 feet of bridle and 80 feet of anchorage. Mr. Edbert further stated that he reported this to the USCG. Mr. Cook reported that the Ferry District knows nothing about any inquiries to the USCG

Minutes

RESOLUTION 2022-103

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the following minutes: June 13, 2022

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

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2022 - 104

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated June 27, 2022, in the amount of \$37,941.60.

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

HR NEW HIRE

RESOLUTION 2022-105

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Ticket Agents (FIFD);

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Therefore it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect July 7, 2022, Ingrid Treiss as a part-time Ticket Agent (FIFD) at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.

It is further RESOLVED to temporarily appoint with effect July 7, 2021 Ms. Treiss from part-time to full-time summer seasonal status. On September 19, 2022, Ms. Treiss will terminate her summer seasonal position and on September 20, 2022 be re-appointed to part-time Ticket Agent (FIFD).

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

HR NEW HIRE

RESOLUTION 2022-106

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Deckhands (FIFD);

Therefore it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect July 7, 2022, Adam Soulor as a part-time Deckhand (FIFD) at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.

It is further RESOLVED to temporarily appoint with effect July 7, 2022 Mr. Soulor from part-time to full-time summer seasonal status. On September 19, 2022, Mr. Soulor will terminate his summer seasonal position and on September 20, 2022 be re-appointed to part-time Deckhand (FIFD).

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

HR

RESOLUTION 2022-107

Whereas the Ferry District requires additional Laborers during the Summer seasonal period, Hunter Kucsera shall be appointed with effect on May 15, 2022 as a Seasonal Laborer.

On September 19, 2022 Hunter Kucsera will terminate his Summer seasonal position and on September 20, 2022 be re-appointed to a part-time Laborer (FIFD).

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

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Management Reports

Silver Eel Update - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. Silver Eel returned last week and 8 hours were put on the engine to ensure everything was running properly. The USCG inspection was completed on June 23, 2022 and the boat is ready to run. The new schedule is completed and ready to go live on Fare Harbor as soon as the BOC approves. The boat is scheduled to have its first run this Thursday evening, June 30, 2022. Commuter runs will not begin until next week. Discussion ensued regarding 2022 rates. Mr. Haney will publish the new rates on the website. Without accounting for charters, Mr. Haney expects Silver Eel to profit \$8,000 for the 2022 season.

Silver Eel Rates

Resolution 2022 – 108

It is RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District to roll back fares with effect June 20, 2022 as follows.

Ticket Category

NEW RATE

Silver Eel - Fast Ferry Rates

\$26each way M - F 7am to 12:30pm

\$26each way M - F 12:30pm - 5pm

\$40 each way M - Sat 5pm - 7am (the following day)

\$40 each way Sun 7am - Mon 7am

Silver Eel COMMUTER

10 tix

\$260

10 Pack restricted to Morning and afternoon COMMUTER/ Round trip

Moved by: Commissioner Reid

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

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

Nays: None

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Commissioner Heather Burnham arrived at the meeting at 4:25pm.

Munnatawket/Race Point Update - Mr. Haney reported that both boats have been running well and both boats are being used interchangeably as the manifest allows. Mr. Haney is working with Bob and commercial traffic in trying to keep the 9:15 boats Munnatawket so Race Point is ready to go on the 11:30 run. Mr. Cook reported that on time performance is a daily discussion and the crew is working hard to maintain it. On average there are approximately 21 reservations for each boat during the week and in upwards of 28 reservations on the weekends. Discussion ensued regarding reservations and the pricing of reservations. Mr. McCall reported that on the Fishers Island side, he is seeing a pattern of 5-6 reservation no shows. The BOC will continue to monitor.

Other - Commissioner Burnham reported that customers are not receiving freight notifications from the Ferry District if the package is from UPS. Mr. McCall reported that UPS has not sent out notifications since January 2022 and they don't support Microsoft Outlook. Mr. McCall is working with UPS to resolve the issue and has agreed to send out an email blast to inform customers.

Replacing New London Dolphins Update - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. The diving survey from 2019 showed that most of the dolphins had 55%-65% life remaining. Mr. Cook stated that when the pilings start to move, the urgency to replace them is higher. Discussion ensued. Mr. Haney reported that the dolphins that are in the worst shape are the ones that will secure the boats the most during heavy weather. Mr. Haney feels there is a sense of urgency for at least half of the dolphins. Mr. Cook has agreed to have the dolphins resurveyed before the BOC makes their decision on what to replace. Mr. Cook reported that the permit is in place and is good for another 3 years.

Toldo/Island Gardeners Sublet - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. Discussion ensued and the BOC is against subletting. Mr. Cook and Mr. McCall will write up a separate lease agreement with Island Gardeners.

FICC Ferry Ride Auction - Mr. McCall reported that the Ferry District is offering a ride in the wheelhouse for maximum of 4 people to support the Community Center's Auction.

FI School - Mr. Cook reported that the Fishers Island School is asking for a discount on an Electronic Waste truck that will be coming to Fishers Island next week. The BOC has agreed to a discount and Mr. Cook will reach out to Mr. Arsenault and inquire about the possibility to open this up to the community if room is available.

Theater Lease - Mr. Cook informed the BOC that the lease was signed with Friends of the Fishers Island Theater.

Ferry Commissioner Election - Mr. Cook reported that elections will be held this August 2022.

Executive Session - The BOC agreed that no executive session is needed.

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Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 11, 2022, at 4:30 PM at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner A. Ahrens, seconded by Commissioner H. Burnham, the meeting was adjourned at 5:21 pm.