

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
July 11, 2022

Chair Cashel called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on July 11, 2022, at 4:30 PM at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.

Commissioners Ace Ahrens, Heather Burnham, Jim Reid and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, David McCall, John Haney and Deanna Ross. Members of the public included Ned Harvey.

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

Correspondence/Public Comment - Mr. McCall read a letter from Mrs. Staley Sednaoui expressing her support of the Ferry District after a public criticism and tirade of the ferry management was posted on a Facebook group called Dock Beach Ladies. The Board expressed their appreciation and encouragement from Staley. Commissioner Shillo commented that the Ferry Board has never encouraged anyone to use a public forum to address one's criticisms or concerns and reminded everyone that the Ferry Board meetings are held every two weeks and are open to the public. There was no public comment.

Minutes

Resolution 2022-111

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the following minutes: June 27, 2022 and June 30, 2022.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

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

Nays: None

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2022 - 112

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated July 11, 2022, in the amount of \$111,611.40

Moved by: Commissioner Reid

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

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

Nays: None

Budget Mod

RESOLUTION 2022 - 113

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

Increase Appropriations

SM. 7155.4.000.000 Repairs: FI Theater	\$115,000
SM. 5710.2.000.300 Repairs: Silver Eel	\$ 20,000
SM. 5710.4.000.500 Computer/IT Ops	\$ 8,000
SM. 1950.4.000.000 Property Taxes	\$ 1,000
SM. 5610.2.000.000 Airport: Capital Expenditures	\$ 25,000

Decrease Appropriations

SM. 5610.4.000.000 Airport: Contracted Expense	\$ 25,000
SM. 1420.4.000.000 Legal Expense	\$. 9,000
SM. 5709.2.000.2000 Repairs: Docks & Terminals	\$ 20,000
SM. 5709.2.000.100 Repairs: Rental Buildings	<u>\$115,000</u>
	\$169,000

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

HR- RESIGNATION

RESOLUTION 2022 - 114

WHEREAS Donald Adams has resigned from his position as Deckhand (FIFD) with the Fishers Island Ferry District effective Friday July 1, 2022;

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THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accepts the resignation of Mr. Adams with effect July 1, 2022. Mr. Adams has no paid time off accruals and no further payments are due to him.

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

Hay Harbor Transportation

RESOLUTION 2022– 115

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the special use of the ferry to transport Ferry District employees from New London to Fishers Island for the purpose of the annual softball match between Hay Harbor Club and the Ferry District on July 13, 2022.

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

Outboard Engine Repair

RESOLUTION 2022-116

WHEREAS, The Fishers Island; Ferry Districts' Fast Ferry SILVER EEL had damaged a powerhead in September of 2021: and Whereas Yamaha, the only supplier of the required powerhead could not supply a replacement until June 15, 2022.

RESOLVED to pay Fort Rachel Marina for the installation and cost of the new powerhead supplied by Yamaha, at the total cost of \$20,496.52

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

Settlement

RESOLUTION 2022 – 117

WHEREAS, the District was presented with a claim by Stephen Opalenski for the sum of \$506.31 as reimbursement for his vehicle that was damaged backing onto the ferry on May 30, 2022, while in the custody of the Ferry District; and

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WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District has determined that it is in the best interest of the District to resolve this claim to avoid the expense and uncertainties of litigation; and

Therefore be it RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District approves the settlement of this claim and directs management to make payment of the settlement in the amount \$506.31 subject to the approval of District Counsel and the Southold Town Attorney.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

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

Nays: None

Management Reports

Traffic Update - Mr. Haney reviewed May 2022 Traffic. Passengers, Vehicles and Commercial were all up 12%, 3% and 14% respectively versus 2021 May traffic. Total late trips were up. Most of the late trips are attributed to the trips before. The Monday and Friday 9:15/10:15 trips have required use of Race Point which causes the 11:30/12:45 to be late. In addition, it has become increasingly difficult getting freight on the 11:30 boat because of an increase in freight and freight getting dropped off close to boat time. Mr. Haney has reached out to UPS to see if the Ferry District could be the first stop and they could drop off packages earlier but they are unable to accommodate his request. Mr. Haney reported that they are maximizing all the boats and utilization is better.

Munnatawket/Race Point Update - Mr. Haney reported that both boats have been running well. Mr. Cook reported that another invoice was received from Thames Shipyard and it is more than was expected. Mr. Cook and Mr. Haney will be meeting with them to discuss the matter.

Silver Eel Update - Mr. Haney reported that they are slowly increasing ridership and the schedule seems to be working out. There were 2 charters over the July 4th weekend. The commuter boat is being used more from Fishers to New London. The boat is generally being run at 4800 RPM for a 23 minute boat ride. There are times where the boat is run a little easier just out of caution. Mr. Haney will continue to look at the traffic on a trip by trip basis and report to the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Cook reported that the fuel surcharge is built into the prices for Silver Eel. The Board has asked Mr. Cook to add that verbiage on the website.

Other - Mr. Haney reported that he did follow up with the USCG regarding the recent google post stating that the ferry captains were unsafe. The USCG was unaware of the accusation and nothing was reported to them regarding the alleged incident. The Fireworks Cruise was a great success and fun was had by all. The diver will be arriving this Wednesday, July 13, 2022 to perform a full inspection of the dolphins in New London. Mr. Cook is in conversations with Mr. Craig Schultz as to when he will start the Theater roofing project. Mr. McCall reported that the 25 minute rule is exactly 25 minutes using cell-phone time. There is no 2 minute leeway. Commissioner Burnham asked management if they could change the 7:00 pm boat to 7:15 pm for the summer because it isn't a touch and go as it is in the winter. Management has agreed. Mr. Cook reported that on average there are 5-7 no shows on most boats from Fishers Island to New London. Discussion ensued regarding reservations and the possibility of penalizing a no show reservation. When a person doesn't cancel their reservation, the slot is not freed up

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for another reservation to be made. Mr. McCall reported that he would like medical waivers to be more open ended for the patient and will be speaking with the current people receiving medical fare abatement. Commissioner Cashel will send a clean version of the LOI to Friends of the Fishers Island Theater.

Executive Session

At 17:36 it was RESOLVED, that the Commission move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

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

At 18:10 it was RESOLVED that the Commission exit from Executive Session and resume Public Session.

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

HR

RESOLUTION 2022-118

It is RESOLVED that Karina Curbelo be appointed Full-time Account Clerk Typist (FIFD) with effect July, 14, 2022, and be released from her current Part Time Cashier (FIFD) at the end of business July 13, 2022 with a new salary of \$21.00 per hour.

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

Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 25, 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 H. Burnham, seconded by Commissioner J. Reid, the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 pm.