

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
July 25, 2022

Chair Cashel called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on July 25, 2022, at 4:30 PM at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.

Commissioners Ace Ahrens, Heather Burnham and Jim Reid were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, David McCall, John Haney, Carol Murphy and Deanna Ross. Members of the public included Kyle Kibbe. Commissioner Shillo was absent.

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

Correspondence/Public Comment - Mr. McCall reported that no correspondence was received. Mr. Kyle Kibbe had a question and raised concern regarding the airport and the efficacy of the billing and collecting of landing fees. Mr. Kibbe stated that he is not debating the use or frequency of flights coming in and out of the airport but just wanted to be sure that the Ferry District is being correctly compensated for it. Mr. Kibbe feels it would be beneficial to have more public notification regarding the fees. Mr. Cook gave a brief report on the current tracking system which captures tail numbers. The Ferry District then bills against those tail numbers. Mr. Cook reported that of the bills sent out, approximately 80-85% come back as paid. Mr. Cook has agreed to post more data regarding the airport revenues on the website.

Minutes

RESOLUTION 2022-119

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the following minutes: July 11, 2022

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

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

Nays: None

Warrant - Commissioner Ahrens raised a question regarding the fuel costs for Silver Eel. Mr. Cook responded that the fuel costs are \$6,200 against \$16,400 in revenue for the period July 1, 2022 - July 24, 2022. Mr. Cook also reported that the Ferry District has yet to incur fees for docking or the \$20,000 power head capital expenditure. Commissioner Ahrens also questioned the \$8,000 plus bill for Cummins and thought we were under warranty. Mr. Haney reported that this is for the Turbo that was purchased to have one on hand. In the event the turbo was needed, Cummins would then reimburse the total price.

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2022 - 120

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RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated July 25, 2022, in the amount of \$68,136.63

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

HR- RESIGNATION

RESOLUTION 2022 - 121

WHEREAS Ryan Griffiths has resigned from his position as part-time Deckhand (FIFD) with the Fishers Island Ferry District effective Friday July, 15, 2022;

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accepts the resignation of Mr. Griffiths with effect July 15, 2022. Mr. Griffiths has no paid time off accruals and no further payments are due to him.

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

HR

RESOLUTION 2022-122

It is resolved to rescind Resolution 2022-118

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.

Move by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham

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

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

Election Inspectors

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RESOLUTION 2022- 123

The Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Meredith Doyen and Deanna Ross to be Election Inspectors for the August 09th Fishers Island Ferry District Board of Commissioners election at a rate of \$20.00 per hour.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

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

Nays: None

Finance Update - Carol Murphy updated the BOC. Ms. Murphy received the preliminary draft 2021 Financial Statements and is expecting the final within several weeks. The General Fund Balance increased by \$753,000. To date, Total Fund balance is 1.7 Million and the Cash Balance is 2.45 Million. Mr. Cook and Ms. Murphy have started preparing the 2023 budget. As of July 15, 2022, fuel prices dropped from \$5.44/Gallon to \$4.01/Gallon. Excluding Silver Eel, Projections out to the end of the year will have fuel costs at \$495,000 with a budget of \$460,000, leaving a shortfall of \$36,000. To date, the fuel surcharge has brought in \$38,000 in revenue. The BOC has agreed to re-examine the fuel surcharge after Labor Day weekend. Ms. Murphy reported that she will be starting an informal internal audit of ticketing tomorrow and looking at revenue vs. passenger count.

Management Reports

Munnatawket/Race Point Update - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. A few electronic updates are needed; otherwise boats are running well. The 6:15/7:00 pm boats have been changed to 6:15/7:15pm Monday through Sunday.

Silver Eel Update - Mr. Haney reported that there was a charter over the weekend. The boat is coming up on its 100 hour service. The haul out will be at the beginning of next week to look at the oil and how the engines are doing. A few modifications were made to the Silver Eel schedule to meet a different train.

Piling Report - Mr. Haney reported that Shoreline Diving was out last Tuesday where they inspected all the dolphins and the bulkhead. Surprisingly there was not that much different from the report done in February 2019 to this report in July 2022. A lot of the percentages were the same at 65%-50%. Everything under the waterline of the bulkhead appears as it should be for a 15 year old bulkhead. Above the waterline appears worse than it should. They have recommended blasting and re-coating above the waterline to preserve it. Management will gather more information as to when replacement should occur and report back to the BOC.

Theater - Mr. Cook reported that Mr. Craig Schultz began the roof replacement today. There are already additional costs for plywood sheathing that was not foreseen.

Other - Mr. Cook reported that Custom House Museum has a group coming to the Island and will be using the Ferry dock to drop off people. Commissioner Cashel reported that he sent the Theater Letter of Intent to Mrs. Anne Redd. Mr. Cashel asked if the Ferry District received a management letter from the Auditors. Mr. Cook reported that he would share it with the BOC when he receives it. Commissioner

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Burnham asked Mr. Cook if there have been any more conversations with Castco Bay regarding a new ferry. Mr. Cook reported that he did receive a RFP from Castco Bay with a current client and he would share with the BOC. The BOC would like to hire a consultant to conduct a survey of Fishers Island residents to begin the process. Commissioner Reid asked how freight was going. Mr. McCall reported that freight has been very busy and there have been a substantial increase in perishables. Discussion ensued regarding the potential need for more refrigeration. Mr. Cook reported that there is a bit of strain on the New London side due to some personnel leaving or changing their status.

Executive Session - No executive session needed at this time.

Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 8, 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 T. Cashel, seconded by Commissioner H. Burnham, the meeting was adjourned at 5:36 pm.