

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Fishers Island Ferry District  
September 26,2022

Chair Cashel called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on September 26, 2022 at 4:00 PM at the Island Community Center.

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

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

**Correspondence/Public Comment** - Mr. Cook reported that no correspondence was received. There was no public comment

### **Minutes**

#### **RESOLUTION 2022-152**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the following minutes for September 12, 2022:

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham

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

Nays: None

### **Warrant**

#### **RESOLUTION 2022 – 153**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated September 26, 2022, in the amount of \$60,843.32,

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

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

Nays: None

### **Legal**

#### **RESOLUTION 2022 – 154**

Whereas the Ferry District requires certain general and specific legal expertise including corporate operations and activities.

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Now therefore be it RESOLVED that the Commissioners of the Ferry District authorize Geb Cook to execute a professional services agreement with the law firm Finnegan Law, P.C. to provide the Ferry District with representation in corporate matters.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham

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

Nays: None

**HR Retirement**

RESOLUTION 2022 - 155

Whereas Captain Tony Mirabelli wishes to change his working status from full-time to part-time; and

Therefore it is RESOLVED that with effect the end of business on September 19, 2019 Anthony Mirabelli has voluntarily resigned from his full-time Captain (FIFD) position and on October 6, 2022 is appointed as a part-time Captain (FIFD) at his current rate.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

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

Nays: None

**Maintenance**

**Resolution 2022-156**

WHEREAS the Fishers Island Ferry District ("FIFD") replaced the propellers on the ferry M/V Munnatawket from Wildcat Propeller; and

WHEREAS the FIFD ordered the propellers with the wrong bore size to fit the Munnatawket shafts.; and

WHEREAS, the FIFD must send the propellers back to Wildcat Propeller to be rebored to the correct dimension.

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the FIFD hereby accepts the proposal of WildCat Propellers, dated August 31, 2022, to re bore the propellers for the M/V Munnatawket for the price of \$4,000 per propeller for a total expenditure of \$8000.00 subject to the approval of District Counsel.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

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

Nays: None

**Management Reports**

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**Race Point Update** - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. The window rep visited the New London terminal and confirmed window fitment. The windows have a 28% light reduction. A second fitment was done on the three doors and will be sending over approval papers. A delivery date is expected at the end of December 2020 and will be delivered to the shipyard that will be selected. The shipyard RFP was sent out last week to Thames, Fairhaven, Goodison and Senesco shipyards.

**Munnatawket Update** - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. The mechanics continue to do preventative maintenance work on machinery to make sure it is as good as it can possibly be when Race Point goes to the shipyard. Today they pulled the generator and will back together by tomorrow afternoon. Munnatawket will be coming to Fishers on Monday, October 3, 2022 for the FI School Safety orientation with the students. Commissioner Ahrens will let Jane Ahrens know to post on the fishers Island website.

**Silver Eel Update** - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. Traffic has slowed down significantly since Labor Day. As of now, Silver Eel will be operating through October 12, 2022. Mr. Haney suggested to the BOC that Silver Eel runs through this coming Friday, September 30, 2022, then runs a special schedule over Columbus weekend and keep open for charters until weather doesn't permit. There have been a few golf charter requests. Commissioner Burnham has requested that Mr. Haney provide real numbers of Silver Eel once the season ends. Mr. Haney has agreed to provide that information to the BOC.

**Winter Schedule** - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. The winter schedule takes effect on Wednesday, October 19, 2022. The Wednesday 11:30/12:45 will come off the schedule to run the fuel charter boat that leaves NL @ 9:15am and FI @ 10:15am and returning from NL @ 1pm and FI @ 2pm. This is the same schedule as last year. The fuel charter can only carry 16 passengers. Mr. Haney did apply for a waiver with the USCG to increase the number of passengers after Race Point leaves for the shipyard.

**Proposed Summer 2023 Schedule** - Mr. Haney sent out a copy of the proposed schedule for comments. The current schedule does not include a freight boat. If a freight boat is decided, there will have to be some time changes of other boats. Mr. Haney will provide both proposed scenarios.

**Other** - Mr. Cook reported that he has been receiving a little bit of heat after treating knotweed at the Airport, the berm by South Beach and an area behind the freight shed with a chemical and failed to notify neighbors. Courtney Allen inquired and Mr. Cook provided her with the MSDS sheet of the product used.

**Conference Update** - Mr. Cook reported that the conference he attended in Seattle last week was really good. The conference was a day and a half. The half day was with Elliot Bay Design Group. Mr. Cook learned that one of the procurement guidelines allows the Ferry District to hire professional services without putting out an RFP. Mr. Cook said they went over a couple of grant opportunities and he learned of new grant writers as an alternative to MJ Bradley. A professional consultant would be used for a new ferry boat feasibility study. Discussion ensued and Mr. Cook has agreed to acquire a quote from Elliot Bay Design Group for various professional services for the feasibility study. Commissioner Burnham has asked Mr. Cook to provide the BOC with a list of highlights and observations from the conference. Mr. Cook has agreed.

**Executive Session** - No executive session needed.

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**Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 4:00 PM at the Island Community Center.**

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner H. Burnham, seconded by Commissioner A. Ahrens, the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 pm.