

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

Chair Ahrens called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on October 11, 2022 at 4:00 PM at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.

Commissioners Heather Burnham, Tom Cashel, Jim Reid and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, John Haney, Dave McCall and Deanna Ross. Members of the public included Mr. John Costilow.

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

Correspondence/Public Comment - Mr. Cook reported correspondence was from Staley Sednaoui from the Community Center thanking the Ferry District for their donation on the online auction which included a private ride on the bridge of the ferry and a sweatshirt and hat. Mr. Cook received a call from Cashman Dredging this morning. Cashman Dredging is doing the dredging of State Pier and inquired if the Ferry District would consider making space available on the New London bulkhead for the tugboats to refuel. The tugboats will be pushing barges of material to New Jersey. City Pier will not allow tractor trailers to drive on the pier. Discussion ensued. The BOC has agreed, and Mr. Cook will negotiate the fees. Mr. McCall reported he received correspondence from Sarah Porter for medical fare abatement. There was no public comment.

Minutes

RESOLUTION 2022-157

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the following minutes: September 26, 2022

Moved by: Commissioner Reid

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

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

Nays: None

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2022 – 158

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated October 11, 2022, in the amount of \$216,028.36

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

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

Nays: None

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Budget Mod

RESOLUTION 2022-159

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.5710.2.000.100	Repairs: Munnatawket	\$ 180,000
SM.5610.4.000.000	Airport: Contracted Expense	\$ 2,000
SM.5710.4.000.625	Terminal Supplies	\$ 5,000
SM.5710.2.000.200	Repairs: Race Point	\$ 10,000
SM.5711.4.000.000	Office Expense	\$ 3,000
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		\$ 200,000

Decrease Appropriations

SM.5709.2.000.200	Repairs: Docks & Terminals	\$ 180,000
SM.5710.4.000.000	Misc. Other Expense	\$ 20,000
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		\$ 200,000

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

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

Nays: None

Thames Shipyard

RESOLUTION 2022 – 160

Whereas Thames Shipyard & Repair Co. was contracted to perform biennial maintenance on M/V Munnatawket in 2021, with the total project expense not to exceed \$230,000; and

Whereas, variable materials for the project, specifically the cabin and deck replacement, water tank structural repairs, and bulkhead plating, exceeded the original estimate; and

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Therefore, it is RESOLVED that the Fishers Island Ferry District Board of Commissioners amends its resolution 2021-168 to increase the project contingencies by \$327,000 and the total project not to exceed \$557,000.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

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

Nays: None

Longevity

RESOLUTION 2022-161

WHEREAS the Fishers Island Ferry District policy as described in the Employee Handbook and the CSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement grants a 2% longevity increase to wages when an individual has been employed by the Fishers Island Ferry District for twenty five years; and,

It is RESOLVED to note that with effect September 17th, 2022 Mr. Jesse Marshall pay rate be increased by 2% to \$35.19.

Moved by Commissioner Reid

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel, Reid, and Shillo.

Nays: None

HR

RESOLUTION 2022-162

It is RESOLVED to accept the resignation of Ingrid Treiss as a cashier with effect September 19, 2022 and does not have accruals.

Moved by Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel, Reid, and Shillo.

Nays: None

HR

RESOLUTION 2022 – 163

It is RESOLVED to accept the resignation of Abigail Edelman as a deckhand with effect May 15, 2022 and does not have any accruals.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

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

Nays: None

HR

RESOLUTION 2022 – 164

It is resolved to rescind Resolution 2022-155

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 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

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

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

Nays: None

HR Retirement

RESOLUTION 2022 - 165

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

Therefore, it is RESOLVED that effective September 19, 2022 Anthony Mirabelli has retired from his full-time Captain FIFD) position and on October 19, 2022 is appointed as a part-time Captain (FIFD) at his current rate.

Moved by: Commissioner Reid

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

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

Nays: None

Settlement

RESOLUTION 2022 – 166

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WHEREAS, the District was presented with a claim by Lois Demenil for the sum of \$1064.25 as reimbursement for his vehicle that was damaged backing onto the ferry on August 23, 2022, while in the custody of the Ferry District; and

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 of \$1068.00 subject to the approval of District Counsel and the Southold Town Attorney

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

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

Nays: None

Management Reports

Race Point Update - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. A shipyard visit by Goodison took place last Thursday. Everything went well with some edits to the RFP. The shipyard RFP is due on October 19, 2022. Some work was done to one of the engines by a Rocky Hill marine technician.

Munnatawket Update - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. The safety orientation for the FIS students was held last week and went very well.

Silver Eel Update - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. The season came to an end on October 9, 2022. The boat will remain at the New London terminal and can be hauled out in two weeks by City Pier.

Traffic Update - Mr. Haney reviewed September 2022 traffic. Compared to September 2021, passengers were down 1%, vehicles up 3%, and Commercial up 21%. The Winter schedule starts this Thursday, October 13, 2022 and runs through April 5, 2023. The schedule is the same as last winter with no 11:30/12:45 on Wednesdays due to fuel charters. Mr. Haney sent two proposed 2023 summer schedules to the BOC. One version is with a freight boat. Commissioners were asked to send their comments to Mr. Haney.

New London Sewage Disposal Invoice - Mr. Cook included the invoice in the board pack as proof that the ferry district does dispose of sewage with the city of New London. Mr. Haney reported they have good records when the boats are pumped.

Conference Summary - Mr. Cook provided the BOC with a conference summary from a conference he attended in Seattle. Mr. Cook has requested a proposal from Elliot Bay Design Group and should have by the next BOC meeting. In addition Mr. Cook has a scheduled call this Friday with GNA who does a lot of marine grant writing.

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Bond Petition

RESOLUTION 2022 – 167

EXTRACT OF MINUTES

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of
Fishers Island Ferry District, in the Town of Southold,
Suffolk County, New York

October 11, 2022

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A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fishers Island Ferry District, in the Town of Southold, Suffolk County, New York, was held at the Fishers Island Ferry District Office, Fishers Island, New York, on October 11, 2022.

There were present: Commissioner A. Ahrens

Commissioner J. Reid

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Commissioner T. Cashel

Commissioner H. Burnham

Commissioner D. Shillo

Also present: District Manager, Geb Cook

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Commissioner Ahrens offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION OF THE FISHERS ISLAND FERRY DISTRICT, IN THE
TOWN OF SOUTHOLD, NEW YORK, ADOPTED OCTOBER 11, 2022,
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A PETITION TO THE TOWN
BOARD OF SAID TOWN REQUESTING THAT A PUBLIC HEARING
BE CALLED TO CONSIDER AN INCREASE AND IMPROVEMENT
OF FACILITIES AT THE FISHERS ISLAND FERRY DISTRICT.

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Recitals

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 699 of the Laws of New York, 1947 and Acts amendatory thereto (herein called the "Enabling Law"), the Board of Commissioners (herein called "Board") of the Fishers Island Ferry District, in the Town of Southold, Suffolk County, New York (herein called "District"), in furtherance of the public interest, wishes to submit a written request to the Town Board of the Town of Southold (herein called "Town Board" and "Town," respectively), to call a public hearing for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in the subject matter thereof, to wit, the replacement of Dolphins (Piling Clusters) and bulkhead repairs at the District's New London Terminal and replacement of the South Vehicle Offloading Ramp at the District's Fishers Island Terminal (herein referred to collectively as the "Project"). The estimated maximum cost of the Project is TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,500,000.00), to be financed by the issuance of bonds of the Town of Southold;

Now therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE FISHERS ISLAND FERRY DISTRICT, IN THE TOWN OF SOUTHOLD, IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK, as follows:

This Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to submit to the Town Board a written petition, subscribed by all the Commissioners of the District, requesting the Town Board to call a public hearing for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in the subject matter thereof, being the increase and improvement of the facilities of the District pursuant to Section 202-b of the Town Law, consisting of the acquisition of new engines for the Ferry Race Point and to provide financing for said increase in the estimated maximum cost of TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,500,000.00), as hereinabove referred to in the Recitals

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hereof; it is hereby determined that the Project at said estimated maximum cost is in the public interest.

A copy of this resolution, subscribed by each of the Commissioners of the District, shall be submitted to the Town Board together with the petition herein authorized.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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DATED: OCTOBER 11, 2022

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FISHERS
ISLAND FERRY DISTRICT, IN THE TOWN OF
SOUTHOLD, NEW YORK

(SEAL)

Commissioners

Commissioner Reid seconded the motion which was put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

AYES: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel, Reid and Shillo

NOES:

The resolution was declared adopted.

Executive Session

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At 16:45 it was RESOLVED, that the Commission move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

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

Nays: None

At 17:29 it was RESOLVED that the Commission exit from Executive Session and resume Public Session.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

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

Nays: None

HR - Haney

RESOLUTION 2022 – 168

WHEREAS Jonathan Haney has exceeded the requirements as Marine Operations Manager with focus on ship compliance, staff management, and training; and

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED to increase Mr. Haney's to increase salary to \$105,000, with effect October 20, 2022.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

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

Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 24, 2022, at 4:00 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 J. Reid, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.