

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
October 24, 2022

Chair Ahrens called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on October 24, 2022 at 4:00 PM at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.

Commissioners Heather Burnham, Tom Cashel and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, Dave McCall, Jon Haney, Carol Murphy and Deanna Ross. Commissioner Reid was absent. There were no members of the public present.

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

Correspondence/Public Comment - Mr. Cook reported that he received correspondence from Mr. Glen Goldsmith, President of Town of Southold Trustees regarding spraying vegetation without a permit. Mr. Cook will get a permit in the future. Dave McCall reported that he spoke with the USCG and a GSA officer from Boston regarding the potential sell of the USCG facility on Fishers Island. He forwarded his contact information to the Town of Southold for Scott Russell to reach out to him. Mr. McCall also reported that the USCG Commanding Officer in New London has changed and he and Commissioner Ahrens spoke with the new Lieutenant regarding the ferry's interest in the property. The TOS has immediate interest in the property to house the State Trooper during the trooper house renovations. Scott Russell sent an email to the officer in New London and he has forwarded it to a higher up person in Rhode Island. Mr. Cook reported that John McGillian has asked him to talk at the next ICB meeting regarding Parkhurst Road. Discussion ensued and the BOC would like to collaborate with Waste Management prior to making any decision regarding the road. There was no public comment.

Minutes

RESOLUTION 2022-167

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

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

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2022 - 168

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated October 24, 2022, in the amount of \$83,819.57.

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Moved by: Commissioner Cashel
Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham

Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, T. Cashel and D. Shillo
Nays: None

Financial Review - Carol Murphy reviewed financial statements through 9/30/22. Discussion ensued regarding Star Computers. The current Warrant included close to \$14,000 to Star Computers. This included the purchase of new servers. Carol Murphy reported that hourly fees have also gone up approximately 18% and the District was not notified of this increase. Ms. Murphy will be looking into the matter as to why the District was not notified and the ability to negotiate. The Budget to Actual is on target. As of October 23, 2022, Car & traffic revenue is at 100% of the 2022 budget. Expenses are in line with Revenue. A \$425,000 appropriation was made from the fund balance to cover the increased fuel costs and excess repairs on all three ferries. Cash Balance is at \$2.3 Million and all taxes are in. Carol reported that the District has remained constant with the fuel surcharge at 5% compared to other ferries. Management will continue to monitor fuel costs.

Legal

RESOLUTION 2022 – 169

RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island District authorizes Geb Cook to enter into a Stipulation of Agreement with employee # 58369.

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

HR

RESOLUTION 2022-170

Whereas Captain Christopher Newell wishes to change his working status from full-time to part-time;
and

Therefore it is RESOLVED that effective November 2, 2022 Christopher Newell has retired from his full-time Captain (FIFD) position and on November 3, 2022 is appointed as a part-time Captain (FIFD) at his current rate.

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

Passenger Vessel Association Conference

RESOLUTION 2022 - 171

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RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby grants permission to District Manager Geb Cook, Island Manager David McCall and Marine Operations Manager Jon Haney to attend the Passenger Vessel Association Original Colonies Regional Meeting from November 7-9, 2022 at New London CT All expenses for registration and travel, including meals, not to exceed \$1200.00, will be a legal charge to the 2022 District budget.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

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

Nays: None

Race Point Yard Package - Mr. Haney updated the BOC regarding the 3 bids that were received. Discussion ensued and management and the BOC agreed to award the bid to Goodison Shipyard.

Race Point Yard Package

Resolution 2022 - 172

WHEREAS the MV Race Point must be hauled out for biennial US Coast Guard inspection and certain required maintenance; and

WHEREAS proper public notice of the RFP was placed in The Day newspaper noting the specifics and contact details; and,

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2022, sealed bids were received and opened by the District Manager in the presence of one member of the District Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Marine Operations Manager reviewed the bid received, assessed the value to the District, deemed it a bid favorable to the District, advised the Board of Commissioners of the terms of the bid and his recommendation to accept the bid from, J. Goodison Co. Shipyard and Marine Services, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the District approves the bid from Goodison Shipyard in the amount of \$384,400 with contingency charges on a time and materials basis not to exceed \$480,500; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Management is directed to execute the contract and any ancillary documents subject to review by District counsel and to pay all amounts when properly invoiced and approved by Management.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

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

Nays: None

Management Reports

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Race Point/Munnatawket Update - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. Boats have been running fine and he continues to focus on the Race Point shipyard items. The boat is expected to go to the shipyard at the first of the new year.

Other - Commissioner Shillo asked Mr. Haney if he heard of any issues with the fuel charter being late and causing issues with turnaround time for the propane driver. Discussion ensued. Mr. Haney reported that last Wednesday fuel charter was late leaving New London because the 8:15 was late getting in. In addition, there were 8 flats on that boat. Mr. Haney understands the concern and will work with the crew to keep the boats on time. Commissioner

Ahrens reported that he heard some safety concerns regarding a moving van that was hanging over 8 feet. Mr. Haney reported that they always make sure the axle is on the deck and would never run a boat if a vehicle wasn't safely on it.

Executive Session - No executive session needed.

Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 7, 2022, at 4:00 PM at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, and on a motion made by Commissioner D. Shillo, seconded by Commissioner A. Ahrens, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.