

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
December 5, 2022

Chair Ahrens called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on December 5, 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, Deanna Ross and Dan Eagan.

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

Correspondence/Public Comment - Mr. McCall reported that he received two letters of correspondence from Courtney Allan and Derek Scroxtton requesting medical fare abatement. A letter of correspondence was received from Jim Ski requesting to rent the South Beach staging area for an upcoming project beginning in January 2023 and lasting 6-8 months. Discussion ensued regarding other alternative locations. Mr. Cook has agreed to discuss with Jim Ski and bring back to the BOC at the next meeting.

Minutes

Resolution 2022-184

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the following minutes: November 7, 2022, November 11, 2022 and November 21, 2022.

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

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2022 – 185

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated December 5, 2022, in the amount of \$162,600.85.

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

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Budget Mod

RESOLUTION 2022-186

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.5710.1.000.000	Expense: Payroll: Salaries & Wages	\$ 50,000
SM.5713.4.000.000	Other Expense: U.S. Mail	\$ 610
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		\$ 50,610

Decrease Appropriations

SM.9710.7.000.000	Other Expense: Bond Interest	\$ 15,000
SM.1310.4.000.000	Expense: Accounting/Finance	\$ 15,610
SM.1420.4.000.000	Expense: Legal Fees	\$ 15,000
SM.1910.4.000.300	Expense: Workers Comp Insurance	\$ 5,000
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		\$ 50,610

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

New Hire

RESOLUTION 2022 – 187

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Cashiers (FIFD);

Therefore it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect December 15th, 2022, Swillia Moore as a part-time Cashier (FIFD) at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.

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

REHIRE

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RESOLUTION 2022 - 188

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Deckhands (FIFD);
THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED to rehire Joel Ludka as a part-time Deckhand (FIFD) with a starting wage of \$15.75 effective December 15, 2022.

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

Legal / GC

RESOLUTION 2022 – 189

WHEREAS, on or about December 1, 2022, employee George B. Cook became eligible for and began receiving Medicare benefits; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cook has requested that, effective December 1, 2022, he and his spouse Jean K. Cook, be reimbursed for the full amount of their monthly Medicare supplemental insurance premiums, while he remains actively employed by, and on the payroll of, the Ferry District; and

WHEREAS, in exchange, Mr. Cook has agreed that, effective January 1, 2023, he and his spouse will no longer take/be entitled to receive Ferry District-provided health insurance and the Health Reimbursement Arrangement (“HRA”), which will result in significant cost savings to the Ferry District.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that, effective January 1, 2023, the Ferry District will reimburse Mr. Cook for the full amount of his and his spouse’s monthly Medicare supplemental insurance premiums, while he remains actively employed by, and on the payroll of, the Ferry District and, in exchange, Mr. Cook and spouse will no longer be entitled to Ferry District-provided health insurance and the HRA.

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

Financials - Mr. Cook reviewed financials through November 2022. Traffic and freight is within 5% of last year. The fuel surcharge has generated \$90,000. Fuel expenses to date are \$430,000. Last year fuel costs were approximately \$200,000. Diesel prices have not dropped yet. The BOC will continue to monitor monthly.

Management Reports

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Race Point/Munnatawket/Silver Eel Update - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. Race Point had a problem with the heat starting on Thursday, December 1, 2022. Repairs were completed by 3:30pm on Friday, December 2, 2022. There were several cancellations due to harsh south wind which makes docking difficult at the New London terminal. Mr. Haney reported that he checked on spare parts for the Munnatawket boiler and some spare parts are on hand and parts are more readily available. Silver Eel has been hauled out for the season. Mr. Cook reported that he reached out to the Town of Southold regarding the Bond Petition for the dolphins and ramp work and is awaiting an update.

Other - Mr. Cook reported that Elliot Bay Design Group will be visiting next Tuesday, December 13, 2022. The group will spend the morning at the New London Terminal and then the afternoon at the Fishers Island Terminal to examine the entire operations. The group and the BOC will meet at 12:30 pm at the Island Community Center and will enjoy a box lunch prepared by Robin Toldo. The group will return to Fishers on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 to meet with commercial stakeholders between 8am and 10am for a Q&A session. Robin Told will provide coffee and pastries.

Commissioner Cashel inquired to management regarding the possibility of placing an industrial building on the waterside corner of the New London terminal. The freight area in New London is too small. Discussion ensued. Captain Dan Eagan stated that he thought this would be a good idea pending info on the size of the structure and just ensuring there was ample parking for parents picking up school children and enough room for larger trucks to turn around. Management will continue to explore options.

Executive - No executive session needed at this time.

Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 19, 2022, at 4:00 PM at the Community Center.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, and on a motion made by Commissioner A. Ahrens, seconded by Commissioner J. Reid, the meeting was adjourned at 4:33 pm.