

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Fishers Island Ferry District  
January 9, 2023

Chair Ahrens called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on January 9, 2023 at 4:00 PM at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.

Commissioners Tom Cashel, Jim Reid and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, John Haney, Dave McCall, Carol Murphy, Deanna Ross and Kris Dorsett . Commissioner Heather Burnham was absent.

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 several pieces of correspondence. A letter was received from Rod, the paramedic requesting permission to hold three training sessions for EMT/Fire personnel at the bunker to the left of the airport road. The BOC approves. A letter was received from Craig Schultz expressing his interest in the FI Waste Management Transfer property should it ever become available. A letter was received from Jim Ski expressing interest in the Airport Utility building and the Town Barn if it ever became available. A letter was received from Dee Ross requesting waiver of the no driver fee and overnight parking fee for this evening for medical appointments early tomorrow morning. Dee Ross will take Popeye in the morning and pick up her care by 7:30am. The BOC approves.

## **Minutes**

### **Resolution 2023-001**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the following minutes: December 19, 2023.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

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

Nays: None

### **Resolution 2023-002**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the following minutes: December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

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

Nays: None

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**Warrant**

**RESOLUTION 2023 – 003**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated Jan 9, 2023, in the amount of \$69,563.08.

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

**BUDGET MOD 2022**

**RESOLUTION 2023-004**

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:**

SM5610.2.000.000	Airport Capital Expenditure	\$ 9,209
SM5710.4.000.300	Fuel Oil	\$ 6,557
SM5710.2.000.200	Repairs: Race Point	\$ 7,000
SM5710.4.000.100	Utilities (NL)	\$ 2,000
SM5710.1.000.000	Payroll Expense	\$ 81,750
SM1980.4.000.000	MTA Tax	\$ 1,000
SM9030.8.000.000	Social Security Tax (Employer Portion)	\$ 2,000
SM9730.7.000.000	BAN Interest	<u>\$ 2,903</u>
Total		\$112,419

**Decrease Appropriations:**

SM5709.2.000.300	Repairs: Docks – Silver Eel	\$ 10,800
SM5710.2.000.000	Repairs: All Vessels	\$ 9,209
SM5710.4.000.350	Fuel – Silver Eel	\$ 23,291
SM5710.2.000.300	Repairs: Silver Eel	\$ 13,625
SM5710.4.000.550	Miscellaneous – Silver Eel	\$ 4,937
SM5710.4.000.000	Misc. Other Expense	\$ 12,000
SM1910.4.000.300	Workers Comp	\$ 6,955
SM5710.1.000.300	Vacation Earnings	\$ 9,500
SM9050.8.000.000	NY Unemployment Benefit	\$ 12,500
SM1930.4.000.000	Insurance Claims	\$ 4,302

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SM5712.4.000.000	Commissioner Fees	\$ 300
SM9710.7.000.000	Bond Interest	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
Total		\$112,419

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

**FI Terminal Heating Oil Contract**

**RESOLUTION 2023-005**

Whereas the Ferry District requires Ultra-Low Sulphur fuel oil to heat the public waiting room, bathrooms and office of the ferry office at 261 Trumbull Drive,

Therefore it is RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Ferry District extends the current contract, which ran from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022, with Z&S Fuel & Services, Inc. to deliver heating oil at the barge price on the day of delivery, plus a \$0.895 per gallon delivery charge as needed from January 1, 2022 until April 30, 2023.

Moved by: Commissioner Reid  
Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens  
Ayes: A. Ahrens, T. Cashel and J. Reid  
Nays: None  
Commissioner Shillo recused herself

**Procurement Policy**

**RESOLUTION 2023 – 006**

Whereas when the Ferry District amended its Procurement Policy in August 2017: and

Whereas there are changes to conform to General Municipal Law and correct grammar

Now therefore be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District accepts the District Procurement Policy as amended January 2023, and directs management to place the document on the District's website.

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

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**HR- RESIGNATION**

**RESOLUTION 2023-007**

WHEREAS Quinn Carey has resigned from his position as Deckhand (FIFD) with the Fishers Island Ferry District effective Friday November 18, 2022;

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accepts the resignation of Mr. Carey with effect November 18, 2022. Mr. Carey has no paid time off accruals and no further payments are due to him.

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

**Management Reports**

**Traffic** - Mr. Haney reviewed December 2022 traffic. Passengers and Commercial traffic were down 1% and 33% respectively and Vehicles were up 2% compared to December 2021 traffic. On-Time percentage was 99%.

**Race Point/Munnatawket Update** - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. Munnatawket has been being used frequently because traffic has been light. Race Point is expected to go to the shipyard on January 23, 2023. The original date was January 2, 2023 but was delayed due to a delay in the glass supplier. Windows will not be delivered until the middle of February. Mr. Haney is trying very hard to avoid anymore delays and wants to keep the yard package to 8 weeks. The crew have been taking advantage of the delay and getting projects underway. Mr. Cook reported that management has effectively removed a \$90,000 line item from the yard package by cleaning and painting some tanks at the New London dock in house and a hired contractor. By doing the work in house will net a savings of \$70,000-\$75,000.

**Ticketing** - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. Mr. Cook has reached out to several vendors regarding scanning capabilities, including Anchor Hornblower and RocketRez. Anchor Hornblower has a very robust ticketing system that include scanning on special iPhones that are \$200 each. An app would be provided. The granularity that Anchor Hornblower could provide far exceeds that of Fairharbor. Anchor Hornblower charges a 7% fee per transaction, as opposed to 5% with Fairharbor; however, Mr. Cook feels that 2% could be absorbed just by the efficiencies that would be gained. The BOC has agreed to join in on a presentation from Anchor Hornblower which Mr. Cook will arrange in the next two weeks.

**Elliot Bay Design Group** - Mr. Cook has been in communications with Elliot Bay and will be looking for more from them this week.

**Other** - Brooks McCall survey vessel off of Fishers Island will be coming in and fueling at the New London terminal bulkhead on Thursday, January 21, 2023. This is a trial run. A fee is being charged and they should be there for 3 hours. A certificate of insurance is in place should there be a fuel spill.

Captain Kris Dorsett reported that some issues have come up with the interpretation of the union contract regarding vacation time. The BOC asked Mr. Dorsett to explain exactly what the issue is. Mr.

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Dorsett reported that up until recently, vacation time was always front loaded on a calendar year basis as opposed to accrual on a monthly basis and the issue has recently come up with some of the retirements. Mr. Dorsett is waiting to hear back from the union council and has a labor management meeting scheduled this Thursday.

**USCG House** - Commissioner Reid reported that Supervisor Scott Russell does not have any new developments regarding the sell of the USCG House on Fishers Island.

**Executive** - No executive session needed at this time.

**Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 23, 2023, at 4:00 PM at the Community Center and via Zoom.**

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner A. Ahrens, seconded by Commissioner D. Shillo, the meeting was adjourned at 4:34 pm.