

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
February 21, 2023

Chair Shillo called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on February 21, 2023 at 4:10 PM at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.

Commissioners Heather Burnham and Jim Reid were present. Commissioners Ace Ahrens and Tom Cashel were present via zoom. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, Dave McCall, Jon Haney, and Carol Murphy. No members of the public were present.

Chair Shillo 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 Aleks Norton inquiring about the possibility to have an earlier boat during the week to accommodate taking the train to New Haven for a potential job. Discussion ensued. The BOC does not feel they can change the current boat schedule to accommodate one person. Mr. Cook will respond to Ms. Norton. Correspondence was received from Light House Works requesting to delay the 6:15pm boat to 7:00 or 7:30pm on Sunday, March 12, 2023 to accommodate islanders traveling to the city for an art show in Brooklyn. The BOC has asked Mr. Cook to get an accurate number of participants. The BOC would be willing to delay the boat until 7:00pm. A revised letter was received from the Community Center requesting to charter the Munnatawket for an around the island cruise fundraising event. The CC is not looking for any discount for this and would pay the FIFD charter price. Management will make that approval. The CC is requesting to charter a boat for the annual fireworks cruise and is requesting a discount as they have in the past. A resolution for approval of the fireworks cruise will be presented at a future meeting. Commissioner Reid reported that he and all the commissioners received a letter requesting a residency card for Mrs. Mildred Peringer. The BOC has approved management to grant Mrs. Peringer her residency card. There was no public comment.

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2023 – 027

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated February 21, 2023, in the amount of \$305,333.27.

Moved by: Commissioner Reid

Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham

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

Nays: None

Budget Modification

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RESOLUTION 2023-028

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District Hereby amends the **2023** Fishers Island Ferry District budget as follows:

Increase Appropriations:

SM5710.4.400.100	Marine Engineering	\$ 10,000.00
SM5710.4.000.550	Other/Misc – Silver Eel	\$ 2,000.00
		\$
		\$
		\$
Total		\$ 12,000.00

Decrease Appropriations:

SM5709.2.000.200	Docks & Terminals	\$ 12,000.00
		\$
		\$
Total		\$ 12,000.00

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

Resolution 2023-029

It is resolved to rescind 2023-23

RESOLUTION 2023 – 023

WHEREAS the Fishers Island Ferry District policy as described in the Employee Handbook grants a 1% longevity increase to wages when an individual has been employed by the Fishers Island Ferry District for ten years; and,

It is RESOLVED to note that with effect February 20, 2023, employee 40842 salary be increased by 1% to \$106,050.00.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

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Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2023 – 030

WHEREAS the Fishers Island Ferry District policy as described in the Employee Handbook grants a 1% longevity increase to wages when an individual has been employed by the Fishers Island Ferry District for ten years; and,

It is RESOLVED to note that with effect February 28, 2023, employee 40842 salary be increased by 1% to \$106,050.00.

Moved by: Commissioner Reid

Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham

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

Nays: None

HR Resignation

RESOLUTION 2023-031

It is RESOLVED to accept the resignation of Swillia Moore as a cashier with effect February 8, 2023. Swillia Moore does not have accruals.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

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

Nays: None

HR Resignation

RESOLUTION 2023-032

It is RESOLVED to accept the resignation of Anthony Mirabelli as a part time Captain (FIFD) with effect February 13, 2023. No accruals are due to Mr Mirabelli.

Moved by: Commissioner Reid

Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham

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

Nays: None

Legal

RESOLUTION 2023 – 033

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Whereas Fishers Island has junked vehicles that need to be removed from the island; and

Whereas the Ferry District is offering a temporary fare abatement of 100% which is good through March 31, 2023 to transport by truck the vehicles to its New London, CT terminal for disposal by other parties; and

Therefore it is RESOLVED with effect February 15, 2023 to set a temporary price of \$0 to move a minimum of one vehicles by truck transportation to New London, CT for disposal; and

It is further RESOLVED that this fare abatement will terminate at the end of the day March 31, 2023.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

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

Nays: None

Management Reports

Boat Schedule - Mr. Haney is finalizing a summer schedule where one will include a freight boat. He will share with the BOC and discuss at the next meeting. The Spring schedule will begin April 6, 2023. Management is considering trialing freight boats in May to see how it goes.

Race Point Update - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. Progress continues at the shipyard. They have started working on the stern tube for the starboard main engine. This effects the alignment and how smooth the boat runs. Work continues on the new cabin windows and up in the bridge. These are the last three big projects going on. Mr. Haney has expressed that he is very pleased with the work and progress that Goodison Shipyard is making. Mr. Haney will share some photos in the next few days. There are currently up to \$25,000 in change orders so far which is from the USCG list. The boat remains on schedule for return in March. Twin Disc will be arriving tomorrow to install a fourth control station on the boat.

Munnatawket Update - Mr. Haney reported that there have been no issues and the boat has been running well.

Commercial Rates - Mr. Cook reported that raising commercial rates is not yet complete and he's inclined to leave things as they are in light of the notice of the increased bond limit to \$20 Million.

Ticketing - Mr. Cook reported that Fare Harbor has been working to address the Ferry's current ticketing issues and will be coming out in the next few weeks to share some implementation of scanning. The BOC has agreed to wait to hear any further presentations from other vendors.

Other - Mr. Cook reported that he received the RFP and design package for #357 from the FI School.

Finance Report - Carol Murphy shared financial reports from the year ending 2022. The BOC had no questions. The Audit will be starting the week of March 20, 2023. This will take 2-3 days. Ms. Murphy

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reported that a bulk of funds were moved from Bank of America to the general fund at M&T Bank maintained by the TOS. There has been a significant reduction in credit card fees and bank fees of \$14,000 in 2022 vs 2021. By moving to M&T, monthly interest has been \$180 vs \$6.

Executive Session - No executive session is needed at this time.

Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 4:00 PM with a 3:00 PM working session at the Community Center and via Zoom.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner H. Burnham, seconded by Commissioner J. Reid, the meeting was adjourned at 4:57 pm.