

**Minutes of the Meeting
Of the
Board of Commissioners
Of the
Fishers Island Ferry District**

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District was held in the Fishers Island offices of the Ferry District on **Tuesday, July 7, 2009** at 5:00 PM.

Present were Commissioners: Ahman, Brooks, Burnham, duPont and Giles.
17 members of the community attended.

Minutes of the previous meeting of June 16th were distributed to the Board. After a brief discussion, the new minutes were submitted and approved.

Moved by Commissioner duPont;

Seconded by Commissioner Giles.

Ayes all.

A listing of the outstanding obligations of the District was distributed to the Board for audit and discussion. At the conclusion of the discussion, a resolution to pay the outstanding obligations of: **\$24,053.14** as represented by vouchers **#194 through #216**, dated July 7, 2009 was;

Moved by Commissioner Giles,

Seconded by Commissioner duPont;

Vote of the Board of Commissioners:

Ayes: Commissioners: Ahman, Brooks, Burnham, duPont and Giles.

Nays: None

The meeting was opened for public comment:

Why were the rates and scheduled changed? To help increase revenues.

How did you let people know? Website, Foghorn, e-mails and posted notices.

Why does my dog now need a leash? Dogs have always needed leashes.

How much is ridership off from last year? About 14%.

What does that represent in dollars? About \$120,000.

Are there any plans to cut more boats? Yes, the 4:40/5:40 boats are being reviewed.

Who rides free on the ferry? Pastors, priests, State Police and full time personnel.

Do commissioners ride free? No.

When will the petitions be ready for the upcoming election. Next week.

Who is eligible to vote? Property owners and electors of the last Southold election.

Are there any term limits for commissioners? No.

Is it possible to put financial info on the website? We will ask the Town Comptroller.

Is it possible to put meetings and minutes on the website? Yes, we will attempt it.

Can you change the Budget Hearing to 5:00 PM. Yes, we will do that.

Correspondence

1. Peter Strife sent a letter to the Commission regarding his onboard accident.
2. A year round pass for Mary Beth Guimares was approved.
3. A year round pass for Timothy Hoch was approved.
4. A year round pass for Christopher Macaluso was tabled.

Old Business

1. The Employee Handbook has been sent to the Town Attorney for his review and also for his suggestion of a New York State Labor lawyer.
2. The Procurement Policy has been sent to the Town Attorney for his review and also the addition of Purchase Order verbiage.
3. A sample Fall/Winter schedule was distributed to the Board for review and will be discussed at the next meeting. A revised 2009 PEAK schedule was distributed.

New Business

1. A Budget Modification to the 2009 Budget was submitted and approved by the Board. The motion is a part of these minutes.
2. Preparations for the 2010 Budget are to begin. Financial reports through June, 2009 have been received from the Town and distributed to the Board. Commissioners are urged to review the 2009 budget figures for the next meeting when the 2010 budget will start to be developed.
3. Health Insurance is due to be renewed on August 1, 2009. At the next meeting, the hope is to have at least a couple of different proposals for review.
4. The Manager submitted the ridership numbers for the month of June plus a full Excel Spreadsheet comparison to the previous year.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 21st, 1 PM, in the Fishers Island Ferry District offices.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM

Thomas F. Doherty
Manager/Secretary
Fishers Island Ferry District

