

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

A WORK SESSION of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District was held at the New London Terminal on **Thursday, October 29, 2009** at 1:30 PM. The purpose of the meeting was to listen to some concerns of the crew.

Present were Commissioners: Brooks, Burnham, duPont and Edwards.  
9 members of the crew attended, 3 members were unable to make it.

Brian Grote, representing the crew, read an opening statement detailing some concerns of the crew.

The crew would like to hold quarterly meeting and have better communications with the Commissioners. They would like to be a part of the decision making process.  
The crew would like to guarantee their benefits with a contract or 2 year binding agreement. They need more stability since it seems that everything is being taken away from them and they are not sure what is next. They are losing confidence in where the District is headed  
The crew understands that the economy is not good and revenues are down. The commission should look to enhance revenues by raising the freight rates, charging for freight on deck and possibly a fuel surcharge.

The Board agreed to look into the various concerns and promised to continue with meetings with the crew. [The Board also suggested that the crew send a representative to the District meetings.](#) The next scheduled work session will be held on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 PM

Thomas F. Doherty  
Manager/Secretary  
Fishers Island Ferry District