

**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 Community Center on **Tuesday, March 16, 2010** at 4:30 PM.

Present were Commissioners: Brooks, Burnham, duPont and Edwards.  
2 members of the crew and 4 members of the community attended.

Minutes of the meeting held on February 18, 2010 were discussed by the Board. After some deliberation and editing, the minutes were MOVED by duPont; SECONDED by Burnham.  
Ayes; ALL.

Minutes of the meeting held on March 2, 2010 were discussed by the Board. After some deliberation and editing, the minutes were MOVED by Burnham; SECONDED by Brooks.  
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: **\$22,567.78** as represented by vouchers **#702 through #734**, dated March 23, 2010 was;

Moved by Commissioner Burnham,  
Seconded by Commissioner Edwards;

Vote of the Board of Commissioners:

Ayes: Commissioners: Brooks, Burnham, duPont and Edwards.

Nays: None

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**Correspondence**

1. A request for year round status by Alex Sacco was approved by the Board.
2. An employment request from Albert Edwards was distributed to the Board.
3. A request by the Fishers Island School to use the NL meeting room on 3/23 was approved by the Board.

**Old Business**

1. Leases were again discussed. Requested lease measurements were provided to the Board. Additional measurements for the debris pile and the annex bath were requested. Leases need to be drawn up for the storage trailers by Faulkner shop. These trailers also need to be repositioned in a much neater appearance.

2. The COLA raise was again discussed. Burnham asked about a 2% one time payment for everyone. Brooks said no, Edwards said probably not. Discussion continued. Crew member Morgan suggested taking the 2% figure, dividing it by the 17 full time employees and giving everyone a one time, same amount payment. The payment would be approximately \$1,200 per employee. After some discussion, the suggestion was MOVED by Edwards; SECONDED by Brooks; AYES: Burnham and duPont. The motion is a part of these minutes. Edwards suggested that the rest of the full time employees be polled before the motion is enacted and sent to the Town Board.
3. PEAK season schedules were discussed. Paul Giles spoke to the “special boat” at 9:00/10:15. He claims it should be run more than just in the PEAK season. The Board agreed and set the boat from April 1 through October 31. However the Board set the minimum reserve amount at \$300 and the boat must be booked at least 5 business days in advance. Boats traveling to FI for pickup must also have a minimum of \$300 to reserve. PEAK rates will remain the same as last year and will start for all passengers on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> and end on Wednesday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>.
4. Non year round resident “round trips” will be established during the PEAK season. Eligible passengers must travel on a Thursday or Sunday morning on the 8:15 AM trip and return to the island on the same day. Passengers must pick up a voucher on the first trip and then turn it in when purchasing return tickets in New London.
5. As a result of favorable polling by the crew, the dental benefit package will be changed from MetLife to the Standard Insurance Company effective April 1<sup>st</sup>.
6. The marine oil distributor, Santa Buckley maintains that the CT excise tax must be paid or that the District provides paperwork claiming exempt status. The Attorney for the district has been contacted. It was also suggested to contact a Connecticut Tax Attorney at Robinson & Cole to discuss the possibility of exempt status.
7. The Advisory Committee is still awaiting end of the year numbers from the Town.
8. Changes to the Employee Handbook to be provided by the attorney for the District are expected in the very near future.

### **New Business**

1. Before the Board can make a decision on the scope of work or a budget figure for the consulting firm contacted by the District, they would like to see a schedule of rates from the Company.
2. Brooks asked about the old blue tractor in the rear of the freight shop. He was told that if the District no longer had a need for it, the tractor could be put out to bid.
3. A report detailing the cost of running a single trip of the 4:40/5:40 AM boat was distributed to the Board.
4. A budget Modification for the 2009 budget was MOVED by duPont; SECONDED by Burnham. AYES: Brooks, Burnham, duPont and Edwards.

**Public Comment**

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Next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 1:45 PM at the New London Terminal.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Thomas F. Doherty  
Manager/Secretary