

**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 FI Community Center on **Wednesday, July 21, 2010** at 4:30 PM.

Present were Commissioners: Brooks, duPont and Edwards.
5 members of the community attended.

Minutes of the meeting held on July 6, 2010 were tabled by the Board.

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: **\$25,328.49** as represented by vouchers **#930 through #955**, dated July 27, 2010 was;

Moved by Commissioner Edwards,

Seconded by Commissioner Brooks;

Vote of the Board of Commissioners:

Ayes: Commissioners: Brooks, duPont and Edwards.

Nays: None

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Correspondence

1. Year round pass requests:
 - a. Emmanuel Fortin approved.
 - b. Ben Eggleton approved.
2. A letter from Michael Roberts was discussed. The ferry schedule for the last boat on Sundays will be reviewed when the schedule is reworked.
3. A letter from D. Sargent requesting fare reduction was denied; however it was agreed to provide parking in New London, waive the 25 minute rule and encourage her to use the round trip days of Thursday and Monday.
4. Health Insurance presentations were made by 3 different companies. All basically provide the same plan at the same prices. The district must change its existing plan since the company has been bought out by another provider.

Old Business

1. A Waste Management representative again asked for early morning charters to transport their roll offs. After some discussion, the Board decided that since the current schedule seems to be accommodating the roll offs so far, there was no need to add any additional early morning charters.
2. A part time COLA raise was discussed. Commissioner duPont moved a 2% increase but the motion was not seconded and did not carry. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.
3. 2011 budget preparations continue. It was asked when the final budget needs to be submitted. A 2011 Budget Workshop will be held on Wednesday, July 28, 2010 at 5:00 PM at the Fishers Island Community Center.
4. A letter from the IRS, originally sent to the Town of Southold, has been received by the District. It states that the Ferry district does not have to pay federal taxes. It was explained that this is the first step in stopping the CT Excise Tax from being billed on fuel purchases. The Board agreed to have the attorney continue with the remaining filing with the State of Connecticut.
5. Asst. Manger Schmid explained that the election process is in full swing and on schedule. The Board agreed to change the antiquated language on the ballot, with the help of Ferry District attorney, Brian Egan. A motion to hire tellers was tabled as some of the proposed tellers are employees of the District.
6. Starting this coming weekend, stagers on the Fishers Island side will always be resident of Fishers Island.
7. CCG has agreed to help fill the potholes in the back of the reservation office. Ron Swaney will be in contact in the near future. It was asked when the piles will be removed.
8. Billet change for Senior Pursers/Ticket Agents will require four years of employment before employees will be considered. Other requirements will be e-mailed to the Board for any further comments and questions.
9. Wi Fi equipment and installation for both boats will cost about \$6,000 to \$8,000. Since most laptops now come equipped with direct access cards and the new cell phones now also provide Wi Fi access, it was suggested not to spend the money.
10. The District is still waiting for an estimate from the property appraiser who visited the island a month ago.

New Business

1. The second phase of the Airport Crack Repair and Sealing Project is underway. Engineers have taken new measurements for the upcoming bid.
2. The airport runway light bid has been postponed because some of the bidders need to be brought up to date on the installation of the new light fixtures.

3. The property and liability insurance policy is up for renewal. Gencorp, the current provider, will research the market and re-bid the package for 2011. Lee Fitting of the Neefus Stype Agency is also interested in bidding the package and has been sent a copy of the existing policy.
4. Mark Terry, Southold Planner, has asked the Board to resubmit the request for the Waterfront Revitalization funds. It was also discussed that the ramp replacement scheduled for next year might be included in the grant. Hopefully members of the District will meet with Mark Terry on August 4th the Town Board meeting day.
5. New hires, Jim Traub and Kevin Kapfer were both approved for employment on the deck force. The resolution and motions are a part of these minutes.

Public Comment

1. Jay Parsons stated that if the Commission is considering early retirement packages for their employees, they must notify the Town Board by the end of August.

Next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 3, 2010 at 4:30 PM in the Fishers Island Community Center.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Thomas F. Doherty
Manager/Secretary

