

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Fishers Island Ferry District  
February 6, 2017

Commissioner Ahrens at the Fishers Island Community Center called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (“the Ferry District”) to order on January 6, 2017 at 4:35 PM.

Commissioners William Bloethe and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Gordon Murphy, RJ Burns, John Haney, Diane Hansen, Geb Cook, Deanna Ross and a member of the public. Commissioner Rugg was in attendance via telephone. Commissioner Burnham was absent.

Commissioner Ahrens established that a quorum was present. Everyone in attendance pledged allegiance to the flag.

Chairman Ahrens welcomed Manager Geb Cook.

**Correspondence/Public Comment**

Mr. Murphy reported to the BOC that one letter of correspondence was received from the TOS Highway Department. Mr. Murphy was instructed to respond to the letter. There was no public comment.

**Minutes**

RESOLUTION 2017-022

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the minutes of the January 6, 2017 meeting as proposed.

Moved by: Commissioner A. Ahrens  
Seconded by: Commissioner D. Shillo  
Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, D. Shillo  
Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2017-023

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the minutes of the January 23, 2017 meeting as proposed.

Moved by: Commissioner W. Bloethe  
Seconded by: Commissioner A. Ahrens  
Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, D. Shillo  
Nays: None

**Warrants**

## RESOLUTION 2017-024

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated February 6, 2017, in the amount of \$612,074.99.

Moved by: Commissioner D. Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner A. Ahrens

Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, D. Shillo

Nays: None

### **Management Reports**

Race Point Yard Period – Mr. Burns updated the BOC that the MV Race Point should be completed by the end of next week, or at the latest, the week of February 20<sup>th</sup>. The item to be completed is the dead weight survey.

MV Munnatawket - Mr. Burns reported that the MV Munnatawket will be undergoing its five year COI next week and that the inspection will be completed in one day. Mr. Burns informed the BOC of a possible reduction in vehicle capacity after the inspection due to new US Coast Guard regulations. Mr. Burns will keep the BOC informed of any changes in capacity once the inspection is completed. Crew continue working on machine problems with mechanics from Fairhaven Shipyard. Management will investigate business interruption insurance.

MV North Star – Mr. Burns expressed his applause and compliments to the entire Cross Sound Ferry and North Star staff and crew members for their outstanding efforts in providing ferry services for the FIFD while the MV Munnatawket was undergoing unexpected engine repairs. Mr. Burns will be sending a complimentary letter to the staff and crew members. Mr. Burns informed the BOC that he is working with the New London Holiday Inn in providing discounts to stranded passengers in the event of ferry service cancellations due to weather or other unforeseen events.

Mr. Burns reported to the BOC that he will be guest speaking to a class at UConn Avery Point on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

North Ramp Dolphins – Mr. Burns reported to the BOC that resurvey of the North Ramp dolphins is complete and their repair is imperative. Management is pursuing funding for the repairs. Mr. Burns informed the BOC that the MV North Star is too wide to use the North Ramp and adjusting the beam to 38 feet during the dolphin repair would accommodate future larger vessels.

LED Parking Lighting – Mr. Burns reported to the BOC that the grant for the installation of LED Parking lights at the New London terminal is complete and should provide for a significant reduction in future utility bills.

Trip Counts – Mr. Haney reviewed January trip counts with the BOC.

2016 Audit Fraud Questionnaire – Mr. Murphy reminded FIFD BOC members to submit their fraud questionnaires if they haven't done so.

### **Dolphins**

RESOLUTION 2017 – 025

WHEREAS Coastal Marine Construction, LLC provided a survey to the Ferry District on the dolphins and pilings located on or about the North Ramp in Silver Eel Cove and the survey identified the poor and failing condition of the dolphins and pilings,

WHEREAS Docko, Inc. is an marine engineering firm that who designs, provides permitting support and project management and services such as dolphin and piling replacement,

Therefore it is RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby declares the condition of the dolphins and pilings an emergency, waives the requirement for competitive bids and authorizes management to engage Docko, Inc. to immediately begin the permitting process for replacement of the pilings.

Moved by: Commissioner D. Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner A. Ahrens

Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe and D. Shillo

Nays: None

### **Fairhaven Amendment**

RESOLUTION 2017-026

WHEREAS, the BOC of the FIFD amended resolution 2106-210 dated November 8, 2016 (amended in part by resolution 2016-242 on December 21, 2106 and further amended by resolution 2017-006 on January 9, 2017) in the amount of \$187,510 with a contingency amount for additional repairs in the amount of \$57,490; and

WHEREAS, unforeseen and mandated repairs estimated at \$20,000 increased the contingency of \$37.490 in error; and

WHEREAS, additional mandated repairs are estimated to cost a further \$25,000; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Ferry District approves the change in appropriation and amends the approved contingency amount from \$57,490 to \$37,490, approves Change Order #1 in the amount of \$45,000 (\$5,000 of which will be offset by savings from items bid at \$187,510,) with the total contract price not to exceed \$265,000.

Moved by: Commissioner D. Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner W. Bloethe

Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe and D. Shillo

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2017 – 027

Whereas at the December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting the Board of Commissioners were notified of a change order for the airport lighting and signage project due to a change in the specifications in the total number of fixtures, cabling, and connectors and due to the requirement to replace the PAPI lights specified in the bid with a replacement model due to quality assurance issues at the manufacturer.

Therefore it is RESOLVED to accept Change Order #1 and Final for the airport lighting project in the amount of (\$31,531.10) and reduce the total contract by the same amount.

Moved by: Commissioner A. Ahrens  
Seconded by: Commissioner D. Shillo  
Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe and D. Shillo  
Nays: None

**HR**

RESOLUTION 2017 – 028

WHEREAS Dylan Hoyt has resigned from his position as full-time Deckhand (FIFD) with the Fishers Island Ferry District with effect January 30, 2017; and,

WHEREAS Dylan Hoyt is not owed any additional compensation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners accepts his resignation and wishes him well in his future pursuits.

Moved by: Commissioner D. Shillo  
Seconded by: Commissioner W. Bloethe  
Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe and D. Shillo  
Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2017 - 029

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional full-time Deckhands (FIFD); and

Therefore be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the FIFD appoints Ryan Healy as full-time Deckhand (FIFD) at the rate of \$15.08 per hour with effect February 16, 2017.

Moved by: Commissioner A. Ahrens  
Seconded by: Commissioner D. Shillo  
Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe and D. Shillo  
Nays: None

**Executive Session**

At 18:09, the following resolution was proposed: RESOLVED, that the Commission move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation.

Proposed by: Commissioner A. Ahrens  
Seconded by: Commissioner D. Shillo  
Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, D. Shillo  
Nays: None

At 18:38, the following resolution was proposed:

RESOLVED, that the Commission exit from Executive Session and resume Public Session.

Proposed by: Commissioner W. Bloethe  
Seconded by: Commissioner D. Shillo  
Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, D. Shillo  
Nays: None

Next Scheduled Meeting – **Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 4:30pm.** Mr. Murphy was instructed to pole the BOC for the best date for the April meeting to be held in New London.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner W. Bloethe, seconded by Commissioner D. Shillo, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.