

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Fishers Island Ferry District  
April 3, 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 April 3, 2017 at 4:30 PM.

Commissioners Heather Burnham, Peter Rugg, and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, RJ Burns and Deanna Ross. Commissioner William Bloethe was absent.

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

**Correspondence/Public Comment** – There was no correspondence or public comment.

**Minutes**

RESOLUTION 2017 - 056

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the minutes of the March 6, 2017 meeting as proposed.

Moved by: Commissioner P. Rugg  
Seconded by: Commissioner D. Shillo  
Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, P. Rugg, D. Shillo  
Nays: None

**Warrants**

RESOLUTION 2017 - 057

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated April 3, 2017, in the amount of \$50,533.52

Moved by: Commissioner D. Shillo  
Seconded by: Commissioner P. Rugg  
Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, P. Rugg, D. Shillo  
Nays: None

**Management Reports**

Race Point Update – Mr. Burns updated the BOC. Mr. Burns has been reviewing the changes in the stability letter with the captains. Mr. Burns has asked the architects for clarification regarding the vehicle count and weight distribution and is awaiting a reply. Mr. Burns has received confirmation regarding the number of passengers that could be carried in the event of an evacuation. Both vessels can successfully remove the entire winter island population and school in the event of an evacuation.

Mr. Burns stated that the Race Point is now considered a one compartment vessel and any one compartment of the vessel can flood, including the engine room and still remain afloat with a full load. This is a significant improvement in safety. The USCG Certificate of Inspection (“COI”) is scheduled for Thursday, April 6, 2017. The compass will be calibrated on Wednesday, April 5, 2017. Mr. Burns received an estimate from Dockside Electronics to upgrade the electronics on both vessels. Current electronics are obsolete and any new equipment cannot be integrated with existing equipment and parts are no longer available

North Ramp Dolphins and Pilings Update – Mr. Burns informed the BOC that he is waiting for an update from Docko regarding the specifications of the project prior to the work going out to bid. Mr. Cook informed the BOC that the spoils from the dredging can be put on land at the USCG area of silver eel cove.

Passenger Ferry Update – Mr. Cook updated the BOC. The contract with Blackbird VII, LLC has been reviewed by counsel and the expected start date for passenger service is on or about April 15, 2017. The website is nearing completion to take online reservations.

### **Blackbird VII, LLC Contract**

RESOLUTION 2017 – 058

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District seeks to execute an agreement with Blackbird VII, LLC; and

WHEREAS satisfactory legal and insurance review are completed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District approves the contract with Blackbird VII, LLC for service dates April 15, 2017 to November 27, 2015 and be it further RESOLVED, that Manager George Cook is directed to execute with Blackbird VII, LLC a contract and any ancillary documents necessary.

Moved by: Commissioner P. Rugg

Seconded by: Commissioner A. Ahrens

Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, P. Rugg, D. Shillo

Nays: None

Enabling Act Update – Commissioner Rugg informed the BOC that he spoke with counsel over the weekend and they are moving forward. Counsel was scheduled to speak with Senator Lavalle today and Mr. Rugg is awaiting further update.

P-Cards Update – Mr. Cook informed the BOC that he is still awaiting Citibank’s response and hopes to have an answer in the next few days.

Airport Update – Discussion ensued among the BOC regarding the Airport Capital Improvement Program and CIP data sheets. Mr. Cook updated the BOC regarding the hanger. The BOC has agreed to move forward with the FAA grant approval process and drawing up a land lease with Mr. Burnham.

## **Executive Session**

At 17:27, the following resolution was proposed: RESOLVED that the Commission move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and legal matters.

Proposed by: Commissioner P. Rugg  
Seconded by: Commissioner D. Shillo  
Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, P. Rugg and D. Shillo  
Nays: None

At 17:40, the following resolution was proposed:

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

Proposed by: Commissioner P. Rugg  
Seconded by: Commissioner D. Shillo  
Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, P. Rugg and D. Shillo  
Nays: None

## **HR**

### RESOLUTION 2017 - 059

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional part-time and full-time Deckhands (FIFD); therefore, be it

RESOLVED that Xavier Jones and Kevin Norton are appointed full-time Deckhand (FIFD) effective April 13, 2017 at a rate of \$15.08 per hour.

It is further RESOLVED that James Chianese, Sean Healy and Steven Kamm are appointed part-time Deckhand (FIFD) effective April 13, 2017 at a rate of \$11.10 per hour.

Moved by: Commissioner P. Rugg  
Seconded by: Commissioner H. Burnham  
Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, P. Rugg, D. Shillo  
Nays: None

### RESOLUTION 2017 - 060

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional staff during the peak summer season; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that Patrick Rose be appointed a summer seasonal Laborer effective June 1, 2017 at a rate of \$12.00 per hour. It is further Resolved that Patrick Rose will leave the position on or before September 15, 2017.

Moved by: P. Rugg  
Seconded by: A. Ahrens  
Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, P. Rugg, D. Shillo  
Nays: None

#### RESOLUTION 2017 - 061

WHEREAS the Fishers Island Ferry District policy as described in the Employee Handbook grants a 3% longevity increase to wages when an individual has been employed by the Fishers Island Ferry District for five years; and,

WHEREAS Gordon Murphy has met those requirements,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. Murphy's wages be increased from \$93,325 per annum to \$96,124.75 per annum, effective January 25, 2017.

Moved by: Commissioner A. Ahrens  
Seconded by: Commissioner P. Rugg  
Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, P. Rugg, D. Shillo  
Nays: None

#### LEGAL

#### RESOLUTION 2017 – 062

WHEREAS the New York State Office of the Comptroller identified that certain payroll payments were made in error.

THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District authorizes Lamb & Barnosky, LLP to issue a demand letter to recover such payments and accrued interest.

Moved by: Commissioner A. Ahrens  
Seconded by: Commissioner P. Rugg  
Ayes: A. Ahrens, P. Rugg, D. Shillo  
Nays: H. Burnham

**Next Scheduled Meeting – Monday, April 17, 2017 at 1:45pm at the New London terminal conference room.**

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner P. Rugg, seconded by Commissioner H. Burnham, the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 pm.