

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
May 15, 2017

Commissioner Ahrens at the Fishers Island Community Center called to order a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (“the Ferry District”) on May 15, 2017 at 4:33 PM.

Commissioners William Bloethe, Heather Burnham and Peter Rugg were present. Also in attendance were Gordon Murphy, Geb Cook, Diane Hansen and Deanna Ross. RJ Burns and John Haney were present via phone. Commissioner Dianna Shillo was absent.

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

Correspondence/Public Comment – No correspondence was received. There was no public comment.

Warrants

RESOLUTION 2017- 081

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated May 15th in the amount of \$60,102.10.

Moved by: Commissioner W. Bloethe

Seconded by: Commissioner P. Rugg

Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, H. Burnham and P. Rugg

Nays: None

Management Updates

Marine – Mr. Burns updated the BOC. The New London terminal counterweight cables have been replaced. After extensive conversations with Detroit Diesel and per their recommendation, the engine oil will be replaced with a new formula

Chairman Rugg questioned Mr. Burns regarding the progress of the software application he was working on to help better forecast the future budget with regards to scheduled maintenance and the expenditures related to it. Mr. Burns stated this is still a work in progress

Mr. Burns reported he received one bid from Anchor Insulation for the upcoming structural fire protection work required on the Race Point. MV Munnatawket will most likely have the work completed in the upcoming Fall yard period and the MV Race Point will have the work completed in the fall, dockside.

Finance – Commissioner Rugg updated the BOC. A Finance Committee meeting was held May 11th. Revenues for the first three months of 2017 were below budget from 2016 and on par with 2015. Commissioner Rugg’s analysis and explanation of this is largely due to the loss of Race Point due to drydock time. During this period, there was a significant lack of capacity to move the traffic. After MV Race Point returned, the revenues were above in April but not quite enough to make up for the first

three months. In addition, severe weather and engine failure contributed to this revenue loss. Expenses are running slightly below budget.

Mr. Cook and Mr. Murphy have a scheduled phone meeting May 16th with legal counsel Hawkins and Delafield regarding the bonding of the upcoming Dolphin and Piling work.

The Enabling Act was presented in the NYS Senate and Assembly on May 10, 2017 and the process continues to move forward.

Traffic – Mr. Murphy updated the BOC on April 2017 traffic. Passenger count remains consistent year to year. April on time performance was 97%.

Theater – Mr. Murphy updated the BOC. Management continues to move forward negotiating with Friends of Fishers Island Theater, Inc. taking over management of the Theater.

RESOLUTION 2017- 082

Whereas the Friends of Fishers Island Theater, Inc. has incorporated and wishes to operate the community theater in 2017,

Therefore it is RESOLVED to authorize management to negotiate and enter into a contract with the Friends of the Fishers Island Theater, Inc. to operate the community theater from June 15 – September 15, 2017 subject to review by counsel.

Moved by: Commissioner A. Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner W. Bloethe

Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, H. Burnham and P. Rugg

Nays: None

Logos – Mr. Cook presented to the BOC various apparel logos. Discussion ensued and input was provided. Management will continue to move forward.

Lighthouse Works Public Art Proposal

RESOLUTION 2017- 083

WHEREAS The Lighthouse Works has requested permission to use the concrete pad north of the parking lot for an art installation during Summer 2017, and has provided necessary insurance such that the District, its commissioners, and the Town, collectively or severally, will not be held liable in any case, and

WHEREAS management recommends such action,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners, subject to review by counsel, accepts the proposal from The Lighthouse Works, and authorizes and directs management to execute any necessary documents.

Moved by: Commissioner P. Rugg

Seconded by: Commissioner A. Ahrens
Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe and P. Rugg
Nays: None
Commissioner H. Burnham abstained.

Ferry Park and Parking Concept – Chairman Ahrens updated the BOC on the latest proposal to beautify the Ferry parking area. Discussion ensued. Chairman Ahrens is scheduled for a telephone meeting at 4:00 pm, May 16, 2017 with Ms. Herrick, along with Mr. Cook and Conservancy President Mr. Sargent, and will keep the BOC updated with any further information.

Airport – Mr. Murphy updated the BOC. Two projects are currently underway including an Environmental Analysis and Pavement Study. The Environmental Analysis, a requirement of the FAA, is in the final stages and awaiting comment from the FAA. As part of the 5-year plan ACIP, the FAA is requiring The Airport Pavement Management System Study to analyze the conditions of the tarmac. A resolution follows regarding such matters.

Mr. Murphy reported to the BOC that the FAA has informed him that longest runway at Elizabeth Field Airport is too wide for its length. The runway is currently 100 feet wide and the FAA wants it at 75 feet. Mr. Murphy intends to object to this requirement, as the FAA was aware of the 5-year lighting project that was just completed. Mr. Murphy will keep the BOC updated with any new developments.

Airport - APMS

RESOLUTION 2017 - 084

Whereas by FAA determination an Airport Pavement Management System (“APMS”) is required to be performed on Elizabeth Field Airport; and

Whereas the Ferry District as Airport Manager requires that a project design and manager for the APMS be selected; and

Whereas in accordance with FAA regulations the airport manager is responsible to determine whether the APMS agreement is economically reasonable;

Therefore it is resolved for management to notify the FAA and the Town of Southold that the Ferry District finds the C&S Engineers, Inc.’s draft Lump Sum Agreement (“LSA”) acceptable for the design of the project including project management, preliminary and final pavement analysis reports and direct expenses not to exceed \$70,000 and further authorizes management to execute the agreement and any ancillary documents, subject to review by counsel.

Moved by: Commissioner A. Ahrens
Seconded by: Commissioner H. Burnham
Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, H. Burnham and P. Rugg
Nays: None

Other – Gov.Buy – Mr. Cook and Ms. Hansen briefed the BOC regarding their conference trip to Albany and various seminars they attended. Both Mr. Cook and Ms. Hansen expressed that this was a very positive, beneficial experience.

HR

RESOLUTION 2017 – 085

WHEREAS James Moore has resigned from his position as Cashier (FIFD) with the Fishers Island Ferry District effective May 10, 2017 and he has 13 accumulated vacation days and no other accrued time to be paid.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners agrees to the payment to Mr. Moore of \$1,768.00.

Moved by: Commissioner P. Rugg

Seconded by: Commissioner H. Burnham

Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, H. Burnham and P. Rugg

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2017 - 086

WHEREAS James Chianese has resigned from his position as Deckhand (FIFD) with the Fishers Island Ferry District effective May 8, 2017;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accepts the resignation of Mr. Chianese with effect May 8, 2017.

Moved by: Commissioner P. Rugg

Seconded by: Commissioner H Burnham

Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, H. Burnham and P. Rugg

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2017 - 087

It is RESOLVED to accept the resignations for Jessica Grote (Clerk), David Grote (Purser IFD), Logan Glidewell (Deckhand FIDS) and Robert Sasso (Deckhand FIFD) with effect May 15, 2017.

Moved by: Commissioner A. Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner P. Rugg

Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, H. Burnham and P. Rugg

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2017 – 088

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional full-time Deckhands (FIFD) during the peak season between May 15, 2017, and September 17, 2017;

Therefore it is RESOLVED to temporarily appoint with effect May 20, 2017 Sean Healy as a Deckhand (FIFD) from part-time to full-time summer seasonal status. On September 17, 2017, Mr. Healy will

terminate his summer seasonal position and on September 18, 2017 be re-appointed to a part-time Deckhand (FIFD).

Moved by: Commissioner W. Bloethe

Seconded by: Commissioner P. Rugg

Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, H. Burnham and P. Rugg

Nays: None

Next Scheduled Meeting – **Tuesday, May 30th, 2017 at 4:30pm** with a 3:30 working session at the Island Community Center.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner H. Burnham, seconded by Commissioner P. Rugg, the meeting was adjourned at 6:04pm.