

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Fishers Island Ferry District  
May 30, 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 30, 2017 at 4:38 PM.

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

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.

**Minutes**

RESOLUTION 2017- 090

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the minutes as amended of the April 17, 2017 meeting as amended.

Moved by: Commissioner D. Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner P. Rugg

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2017- 091

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the minutes of the May 22, 2017 meeting as amended.

Moved by: Commissioner A. Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner P. Rugg

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

Nays: None

**Warrants**

RESOLUTION 2017- 092

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated May 30th in the amount of \$44,332.31

Moved by: Commissioner A. Ahrens

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

**Budget Modifications**

RESOLUTION 2017- 093

RESOLVED that the Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby amends the 2017 Fishers Island Ferry District budget as follows:

Decrease Appropriations			
SM5709.2.000.200	Docks and Terminals		\$25,000
SM5710.1.000.000	Payroll Expense		\$1,800
SM9030.8.000.000	Social Security		\$2,000
		Total	\$28,800
Increase Appropriations			
SM1980.4.000.000	MTA Tax		\$2,000
SM5710.1.000.300	Vacation Earnings		\$1,800
SM5710.2.000.200	Race Point		\$25,000
		Total	\$28,800

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

RESOLUTION 2017 – 094

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby increases the 2017 Fishers Island Ferry District budget as follows:

Revenues:		
SM.2770.20	Other Unclassified revenue	<u>\$ 42,032.00</u>
	Total	\$ 42,032.00

Appropriations:		
SM5710.2.000.200	Race Point	<u>\$ 42,032.00</u>
	Total	\$ 42,032.00

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

**Bid Opening – SEC Dolphin Project** – Mr. Cook reported to the BOC that two bids were received. The sealed bids were opened. Bids were received by Terry Contracting and Mohawk Northeast. Terry Contracting’s base bid and alternate bid with steel king pile were \$137,100 and \$165,660 respectively. Mohawk Northeast’s base and alternate bid with steel king pile were \$138,250 and \$157,950

respectively. Discussion ensued and management will evaluate and determine the lowest responsible bid and then share with the BOC prior to awarding. The bond hearing is scheduled for June 12, 2017. Once a resolution is passed at the bond hearing, bond counsel has advised that the project can start with use of available funds to expedite the process. Mr. Burns informed the BOC of viable options to place the barge and crane as to not inhibit ferry operations in Silver Eel Cove. In addition, Mr. Burns believes that the awarded vendor would meet the parameters of the contract specs and work should be completed within two weeks of start date.

**Hanger Update** – Mr. Cook informed the BOC that a draft hanger lease has been provided by Bravo 39. Mr. Rugg has reviewed and will send Mr. Cook his comments regarding the draft lease. Other members of the Board will review and provide any necessary comments. The BOC will be updated with any further changes or progress.

**Advancement Ladder** – Mr. Cook updated the BOC. Management continues to move forward with the wage ranges and will present to the BOC at the next meeting.

**MV Munnatawket** – Mr. Burns is working on the yard package specifications. Mr. Burns informed the BOC that an engine swap will take place in the near future due to some wear that the current engine is exhibiting. Mr. Ahrens asked if there has been any notable difference since changing the engine oil. Mr. Burns responded that it is still too early to tell but will inspect the engine rings for build up after sufficient hours are accumulated.

**Airport** – Mr. Cook updated the BOC. The camera is in place and capturing data. Management continues to work towards solutions to collect landing fees. Ms. Peabody has agreed to spend extra time at the airport on weekends to monitor and collect landing fees.

**Hovercraft Update** – Mr. Cook updated the BOC. Multiple charters ran over Memorial Day weekend. For scheduled runs, it was noted that more people were using the hovercraft to come to the island but much less when leaving the island. This brought about a brief discussion of the possible need for a two-way traffic ticketing system. The BOC has asked to receive formal monthly reporting of the hovercraft traffic.

Mr. Burns reported that the Memorial Day weekend was a success and commended Mr. Haney to the BOC for organizing the staffing and boat schedules for the holiday weekend.

## **HR**

### **RESOLUTION 2017 – 095**

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

Therefore it is RESOLVED to temporarily appoint with effect June 7, 2017 Hannah Peabody as a Cashier (FIFD) from part-time to full-time summer seasonal status. On September 17, 2017, Ms. Peabody will terminate her summer seasonal position and on September 18, 2017 be re-appointed to a part-time Cashier (FIFD).

Moved by: Commissioner W. Bloethe

Seconded by: Commissioner H. Burnham

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

Nays: None

**Other** – Mr. Murphy informed the BOC that management continues to negotiate the health plan for July 1, 2017. Management intends to offer a plan similar to the current plan and will keep the BOC updated.

Mr. Cook informed the BOC that management is moving forward with office cubicles at the New London terminal. In addition, management is exploring various internet suppliers and pricing for the New London terminal.

**Next Scheduled Meeting – Monday, June 12, 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 P. Rugg, seconded by Commissioner H. Burnham, the meeting was adjourned at 6:17pm.