

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
September 5, 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") to order on September 5, 2017 at 4:30 PM.

Commissioners William Bloethe, Heather Burnham and D. Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Gordon Murphy, Geb Cook, RJ Burns, Diane Hansen and Deanna Ross.

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

Correspondence/Public Comment – Mr. Cook received one email regarding a cancelled Hovercraft run due to weather but then running it because the weather improved and not notifying the initial passengers that were cancelled. Mr. Cook spoke with that customer and acknowledged the error. A letter was received from Friends of the Fisher's Island Theatre (FFIT) notifying the Board that they are in the process of obtaining 501(c)(3) status and expressing their desire to purchase the Fishers Island Theatre.

A letter of intent was received from Walsh Park Benevolent Corporation suggesting that they conduct a feasibility study for a long-term lease of the second floor of the freight building and constructing apartments that would meet the requirements of affordable housing.

Warrants

RESOLUTION 2017- 154

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated September 5th, 2017 in the amount of \$26,132.18.

Moved by: Commissioner D Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner A Ahrens

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

Nays: None

Management Reports

SEC Dolphin Status - Mr. Burns updated the BOC. The lack of progress is due to difficulty with the bottom. Management gave approval to the contractor to move some of the dolphins in order to get penetration of 12-20 feet. Estimated time of completion is the week ending September 15.

Race Point Insulation - Mr. Burns informed the BOC that RP will be dockside the last two weeks of October for the installation of the A-60 structural fire protection.

Munnatawket Engines, Insulation and Yard Package - Mr. Burns updated the BOC. MU will be out of service beginning the evening of September 6 so Fairhaven Shipyard can paint the car deck. During this MU dockside period, general maintenance will take place. School Safety Day is scheduled for September 14, 2017. The MU is available November 1, 2017 for her yard period. Anchor Insulation informed Mr. Burns that the price is the same whether the installation occurs at the shipyard or dockside; therefore, Mr. Burns will include the insulation installation in the yard package. As part of the yard specifications, the yard has nine weeks from the day of arrival to complete the work. The Yard Package will be advertised in the New London Day on September 6, 2017. All submittals are due by September 18, 2017. Contract award will take place October 16, 2017. The bids for the MU engines are due September 8, 2017. Once all submittals are received and after review by Gilbert naval architects, a bid selection will take place on September 15, 2017. Mr. Burns informed the BOC that the engine horsepower will remain the same and use the existing transmission and propeller shaft. The only variable is that the propellers may need to be re-pitched.

Race Point Insulation Award

RESOLUTION 2017 - 155

Whereas A-60 rated structural fire protection is required in the engine room of the M/V Race Point; and

Whereas a Request For Proposals was issued and advertised in a widely circulated publication; and

Whereas one proposal was received, the proposal conforms to the published specifications, the pricing is acceptable to management, and management recommends accepting the proposal from Anchor Insulation Company, Inc.; and

Whereas there may be unforeseen circumstances which require change orders, now therefore it is

Resolved that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District accepts the bid from Anchor Insulation Company, Inc. for \$44,722 to install A-60 rated structural fire protection in the MV Race Point; and be it further

Resolved to authorize management to review and authorize change orders up to \$4,472; the total cost not to exceed \$49,194.

It is further RESOLVED to authorize management to execute contract and ancillary documents for this project after review by District counsel.

Moved by: Commissioner H Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner D Shillo

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

Nays: None

Floating Dock and Other Permitting - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. Docko has been asked to submit proposals for permitting for a floating dock and dredging in Silver Eel Cove and dolphin repairs at the

New London Terminal. The BOC has agreed to move forward with the permitting for the dredging so as to be completed by spring 2018.

Bonding

Resolution 2017 – 156

WHEREAS the MV Munnatawket runs on 1978 Detroit Diesel engines for which parts are difficult to obtain, making repairs problematic; and

WHEREAS the estimate for new equipment and labor to replace the engines and associated parts is estimated to be \$300,000; and

WHEREAS it is necessary to dredge the Silver Eel Cove channel to prevent the ferries from grounding, which channel was last dredged in 1992; and

WHEREAS the estimate to dredge and remove the material is \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, the Fishers Island Ferry District has determined that engine replacement and Silver Eel Cove channel dredging is required for ferry operations to continue safely and without interruption (the “projects”); and

WHEREAS, the Fishers Island Ferry District is responsible for the payment of the cost of the projects, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District desires to finance the cost of the project through bonds, and, in the time before the issuance of bonds, through Bond Anticipation Notes (“Notes”); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Southold is authorized to issue Notes on behalf of the Fishers Island Ferry District pursuant to the provisions of Sections 25 and 39 of the Local Finance Law, Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York, upon formal request of the Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District authorizes and directs Chairman Andrew Ahrens to submit a letter to the Town Board of the Town of Southold requesting that a Bond Anticipation Note Resolution be passed, in the form approved by Bond Counsel and the Town Attorney, at their next meeting authorizing the issuance of said Notes to finance the cost of the aforesaid projects.

Moved by: Commissioner A Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner W Bloethe

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

Nays: None

HRA

RESOLUTION 2017 - 157

Whereas, the Fishers Island Ferry District (“Employer”) has discretion to amend the Fishers Island Ferry District Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) (the “Plan”); and

Whereas on September 5, 2017 the following resolutions to amend the Fishers Island Ferry District Health Reimbursement Arrangement were duly adopted with effect June 30, 2017 by unanimous consent of the Board of Commissioners of Fishers Island Ferry District and such resolutions have not been modified or rescinded as of the date hereof: it is

RESOLVED, that the form of Health Reimbursement Arrangement under Code Sections 105 and 106 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, presented to this meeting is hereby amended and approved and that the proper Officers of the Employer (“Management”) are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the Plan Administrator one or more copies of the Plan.

It is further RESOLVED that Management shall act as soon as possible to notify employees of the Employer of the amendment of the Plan by delivering to each employee a copy of the summary plan description of the Plan in the form of the Summary Plan Description presented to the Board of Directors, which form is hereby approved. The undersigned certifies that attached hereto as Exhibits A and B respectively are true copies of the Plan Document and Summary Plan Description for the Plan approved and adopted in the foregoing resolutions.

Moved by: Commissioner D Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner H Burnham

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

Nays: None

Thank You - Management and the BOC would like to send their thanks and appreciation to Sarah Upson for painting the murals at the FI Ferry Office building.

Executive Session

A 5:46 PM the following resolution was proposed:

RESOLVED, the Commission move into executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law involving the CSEA and personnel matters relating to the resignation, promotional and hiring of certain individuals.

Moved by: Commissioner A. Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner W. Bloethe

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

Nays: None

At 6:02 the following resolution was proposed:

RESOLVED, that the Commission exit from executive session and resume public session.

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

Legal:

RESOLUTION 2017 – 158

It is RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District affirms the 8/17/17 Stipulation of Agreement between the Fishers Island Ferry District and the CSEA, INC. Local 1000, AFSME AFL-CIO.

It is further RESOLVED to authorize management to execute the Stipulation of Agreement.

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

HR

RESOLUTION 2017 - 159

WHEREAS Ryan Healy promoted to full-time Deckhand on February 16, 2017, and has completed the requirements to become and senior deckhand;

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED to increase Mr. Healy's wages from \$16.08 to \$18.00, with effect August 31, 2017.

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

RESOLUTION 2017 – 160

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Clerks;

Therefore it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect September 14, 2017, Sarah Freeman as a Clerk at a rate of \$12.50 per hour.

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

RESOLUTION 2017 - 161

WHEREAS the collective bargaining agreement with the Civil Service Employees Association grants a 1% longevity increase to wages when an individual has been employed by the Fishers Island Ferry District for 20 years; and,

WHEREAS Captain Jesse Marshall has met those requirements,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. Marshall's wage rate is increased from \$30.09 per hour to \$30.39 per hour, effective September 17, 2017.

Moved by: Commissioner H Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner D Shillo

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2017 - 162

WHEREAS Frank A. Boccia has resigned from his position as Deckhand (FIFD) with the Fishers Island Ferry District effective August 31, 2017;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accepts the resignation of Mr. Boccia with effect August 31, 2017.

Moved by: Commissioner W Bloethe

Seconded by: Commissioner A Ahrens

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2017 - 163

WHEREAS William Wendland III has resigned from his position as Deckhand (FIFD) with the Fishers Island Ferry District effective August 31, 2017;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accepts the resignation of Mr. Wendland with effect August 31, 2017.

Moved by: Commissioner H Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner D Shillo

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2017 - 164

WHEREAS Deborah Doucette has resigned from her position as Freight Agent (FIFD) with the Fishers Island Ferry District effective October 3, 2017;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accepts the resignation of Ms. Doucette with effect October 3, 2017 and wishes to thank her for her years of service and dedication.

Moved by: Commissioner D Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner A Ahrens

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

Nays: None

Legal

RESOLUTION 2017 – 165

Whereas the Walsh Park Benevolent Corporation (“WPBC”) issued a non-binding letter of interest (the “Letter”) on August 17th to the Ferry District expressing interest in a long-term lease for the second floor of Building 209; and

Whereas WPBC requires the Letter to be executed by the District in order to initiate a feasibility study; and

it is therefore RESOLVED to authorize Mr. George Cook to execute the non-binding Letter, which will initiate a feasibility study of converting the second floor of Building 209 into housing units.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Bloethe

Abstained: Commissioner Shillo

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

Nays: None

Next Scheduled Meeting – Monday, September 18, 2017 at 4:30pm at the Island Community Center.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner Burnham, seconded by Commissioner Bloethe, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 PM.