

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
January 9, 2018

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 9th, 2018 at 4:30 PM.

Commissioners William Bloethe, Peter Rugg and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, Gordon Murphy, Deanna Ross and Bob Evans. Diane Hansen and Alyssa Zuckerman were present via the telephone.

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

Correspondence/Public Comment – Mr. Cook reported that no correspondence was received. Mr. Evans made a public comment regarding improving the heat on the boat.

Chair Election - Mr. Rugg has suggested that in future, chair election should take place after elections in August. All present were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2018 - 001

Whereas the Enabling Act requires the BOC to elect its chairperson;
Therefore it is **RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners hereby elects Andrew Ahrens as chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District.

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

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2018 - 002

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated January 9, 2018, in the amount of \$27,996.34.

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

Warrant A

RESOLUTION 2018 - 003

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant A dated January 9, 2018, in the amount of \$3,060.00

Moved by: Commissioner A. Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner D. Shillo

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

Nays: None

Traffic Report - Mr. Cook updated the BOC on December 2017 traffic. Passenger traffic is down relative to December 2016; however, commercial traffic was significantly higher relative to December 2016. (See Attachment A).

Public Hearing Dates - The BOC has agreed to hold a public hearing on January 22, 2018 regarding the Fishers Island Theatre, the airport hangar and new proposed fuel transportation pricing.

Munnatawket/Race Point Update - Mr. Burns was visiting the shipyard today and reported that all painting on the Munnatawket is complete. Installation and welding of the metal plates of the ballast tank is almost complete. The new windows are delayed at the manufacturer; they are expected next week. Tentative date for the Munnatawket to return to the New London terminal is January 26, 2018. Commissioner Shillo asked management if new windows would be included in the Race Point's yard period as she has noticed several signs that read "do not open". Management stated that after taking on large waves, it was noted that water was coming through some of the windows and the crew caulked them as a result. Mr. Cook feels that new windows would most likely be included in the next yard package. Regarding the Munnatawket re-power, one engine is complete and the other is close to completion. Management is still waiting for the final engineering drawings from the naval architect/engineer who is working closely with engine builder Cummins and once completed a request for proposal for installation will be issued. The goal for installation of the new engines is March or April 2018. Mr. Cook informed the BOC that the Race Point had minor generator issues that have since been fixed and otherwise has been running fine.

Ferry Crew Appreciation - Management and the BOC would like to take this time to congratulate Captains and crew members for their skill and expertise in operating the boats during difficult weather over the past few weeks.

Airport Hanger Update - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. Management is finalizing the details of the hangar lease and has asked Mr. Bern Weintraub who represents Brad Burnham to attend the next meeting on January 22, 2018. Mr. Cook stated that he received information from attorney Richard Miller's office stating that prevailing wages should not apply but to be prepared for a challenge.

Fuel Transportation Pricing - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. Although not required, the BOC and management have agreed to include the new fuel transportation pricing in the next public hearing in the interest of transparency. Mr. Cook noted that there has not been an increase in the fuel transportation rates for five years. Mr. Cook reminded the BOC that fuel trucks must be transported separately from regular trips as this is part of the USCG Certificate of Operation for the vessels.

Executive Session

At 17:02, the following resolution was proposed: RESOLVED, that the Commission move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations conducted pursuant to the Taylor Law involving the CSEA and legal matters of a particular person.

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

At 18:06, the following resolution was proposed:

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

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

Docko/SEC Dredging - Mr. Cook informed the BOC that the permit process is in the hands of the DEC.

Legal

RESOLUTION 2018 – 004

Whereas Docko, Inc. was contracted September 5, 2017 for Professional Services related to survey, sample acquisition, and project design for maintenance dredging (“Dredging Project”) in Silver Eel Cove on Fishers Island; and

Whereas Docko, Inc. has performed work related to preparation of the SEQRA to meet bonding requirements; and

Therefore it is RESOLVED to approve payment to DOCKO, Inc., not to exceed \$3,400, for 2017 Professional Services related to the Dredging Project and to authorize management to execute contracts relating to the Dredging Project, subject to review by counsel.

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

HR

RESOLUTION 2018 – 005

WHEREAS New York State has increased its minimum wage to \$11.00 with effect December 31, 2017;

Therefore it is resolved to increase Shyanne Dickson's wage rate from \$10.10 to \$11.00 with effect December 31, 2017

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

RESOLUTION 2018 – 006

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 a full-time employee of the Fishers Island Ferry District for five years; and,

WHEREAS Jonathan Haney has met this requirement; therefore be it

RESOLVED that Mr. Haney's wages be increased from \$70,000 to \$72,100 per annum, effective February 13, 2018.

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

RESOLUTION 2018 – 007

WHEREAS, Board of Ferry Commissioners requested that Lamb & Barnosky, LLP undertake a review of the facts and circumstances relating to a payment made to a former Ferry District employee (21837) at the time of his separation from Ferry District employment; and

WHEREAS, Lamb & Barnosky, LLP has provided the results of its review of those facts and circumstances and the Board of Ferry Commissioners having reviewed the analysis provided;

IT IS RESOLVED that the Board of Ferry Commissioners has determined that, given the questions raised relating to the payment to the former Ferry District employee (21837) and the cost associated with recovering all or part of the payment made to the former employee, it will cease any further effort(s) to recover all or part of the payment from the former employee.

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

Next Scheduled Meeting – **Monday, January 22, 2018 at 4:30pm** at the Island Community Center.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner P. Rugg, seconded by Commissioner W. Bloethe, the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 pm.

Attachment A

December 2017 Traffic

| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|----------------|-------|------|------|
| Passengers | 6,029 | 6092 | 6369 |
| Vehicles | 1,599 | 1641 | 1899 |
| Commercial | 334 | 260 | 272 |
| On-Time | 93% | 97% | 98% |
| Late (>5 mins) | 7% | 3% | 2% |

| '17 vs. '16 | '17 vs. '15 |
|-------------|-------------|
| ↓63 | ↓340 |
| ↓42 | ↓300 |
| ↑74 | ↑62 |
| ↓4% | ↓5% |
| ↓4% | ↓5% |

| 17 vs. '16 | 17 vs. '15 |
|------------|------------|
| ↓1% | ↓6% |
| ↓3% | ↓19% |
| ↑22% | ↑19% |

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| Total trips: | 288 | (144 round trips, including cargos and charters) |
| Cargo runs: | 28 | (7 days total, 14 round trips) |
| Charter Runs: | 14 | (2 days total, 3 round trips) |
| Trips Cancelled (Wx): | 2 | (Mon, Dec. 25th 1700 trip) |

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| Total Late Trips: | 19 |
| Late due to Bump&Run: | 4 |
| Late due to Cargo Run: | 8 |
| Late due to Weather: | 0 |
| Late (Manifest): | 1 |
| Late due to Freight: | 0 |
| Late due to drivers: | 0 |
| Late (Train): | 2 |
| Late vehicle/passenger | 3 |
| Other | 1 |

(FI School Winter Concert)

On time percentage including Bump & Run: 93% (method used in previous years)

On time percentage excluding Bump & Run: 95%