

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
May 14, 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 May 14, 2018 at 4:30 PM.

Commissioners William Bloethe, Heather Burnham, Peter Rugg and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, Gordon Murphy, Diane Hansen and Deanna Ross. RJ Burns was present via telephone. One member of the public, Kandi Sanger, was present.

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.

Ms. Kandi Sanger informed the BOC that she was present to hear about the New London Seafood endeavor. Chairman Ahrens responded that it is on the agenda and moved it to the forefront for public comment. Mr. Cook gave a brief overview of the trial. To date there have been six off loads which generated approximately \$1,500 in revenue. Drops have been minimal due to weather and specific fish species permits. New London Seafood is expecting three landings this week. The BOC has extended the trial period to Memorial Day in hopes of acquiring a better sampling to make an informed decision. Ms. Sanger asked what time the vessels come in. The BOC responded that their request was that drops occur during normal ferry times of operation to not disturb residents who live around Silver Eel Cove. Ms. Sanger asked if back ground checks were done on the owners. Mr. Cook responded that he and Mr. Burns have done so. In addition, Mr. Cook informed Ms. Sanger that the FIFD have a key to the transport boxes. Discussion ensued. The BOC thanked Ms. Sanger for attending and will attempt to get the word out quickly when the next boat is arriving so she and others can observe and provide feedback. Mr. Burns has agreed to follow up with New London Seafood with regard to communication efforts.

Minutes

RESOLUTION 2018 - 081

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the minutes of the April 2, 2018 meeting.

Moved by: Commissioner P. Rugg

Seconded by: Commissioner H. Burnham

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2018 - 082

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the minutes of the April 16, 2018 meeting.

Moved by: Commissioner P. Rugg

Seconded by: Commissioner D. Shillo

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2018 - 083

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the minutes of the May 4, 2018 meeting.

Moved by: Commissioner D. Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner H. Burnham

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

Nays: None

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2018 - 084

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated May 14, 2018, in the amount of \$35,816.92

Moved by: Commissioner P. Rugg

Seconded by: Commissioner D. Shillo

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

Nays: None

Audit Fraud Questionnaire - Chairman Ahrens confirmed that all BOC members completed and turned in the audit fraud questionnaire.

Management Reports

Airport Hanger Update - Mr. Cook reported no new news. A public hearing is scheduled for May 29, 2018.

Airport Building Roof - Mr. Cook informed the BOC the RFP for the roof will need to go out a second time due to prevailing wage. The RFP will be published tomorrow.

Munnatawket/RP Update - Mr. Burns updated the BOC. Both COIs were completed last week and both vessels passed with flying colors. The crew was thanked with a cookout at the New London terminal. Mr. Burns continues to work on the yard package for Race Point with a target date of October 1, 2018. The package will include a new sewage tank. Navigation Training will take place at the New London Terminal on May 15th and 16th. Mr. Burns has been assisting the City of New London in developing a security plan regarding a cruise ship that will be arriving at City Pier.

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Regarding the week of July 4, 2018, Mr. Burns is recommending Peapod change their delivery to Monday, July 2nd as opposed to the scheduled Tuesday, July 3rd delivery in order to accommodate potential increase in passenger and vehicle traffic for the holiday. Discussion ensued. The BOC has asked Mr. Burns to analyze the numbers to see if the change is necessary and will follow up.

Mr. Burns reported that on the north side of the entrance gate into the New London terminal, which is public access, a sink hole has developed on the property. This has been an ongoing problem for the past three years and Mr. Burns has made numerous attempts to reach out to New London Public Works. Since this recent event, Mr. Burns hand delivered a formal letter to New London Public Works addressing the need for immediate action to correct the problem. In addition, Mr. Burns has discussed the issue with the FIFD architect for an estimate; as well as the FD's insurance company. Mr. Burns received an email confirmation from the New London Director of Public Works acknowledging receipt of the letter and hoping to work towards a solution. Mr. Burns will keep the BOC updated as he receives information. Currently the sink hole is covered by a 4'x4' piece of plywood and efforts are being made to minimize exposure.

Commissioner Shillo commented on a recent passenger emergency on the boat and wanted to make sure the crew is aware of the 911 dispatch number from a cell phone in Suffolk County. The number from a cell phone is 631-765-2600. Mr. Burns will verify that this number is part of the emergency contacts on the boat's bridge logs.

Mr. Burns reported that the photo shoot with Adrian Broom went very well.

Telephone System - Commissioner Shillo commented that the answering tree is only working when nobody answers the phone. Mr. Cook and Mr. Murphy will further investigate, correct and set the number of rings so anyone calling the Fishers Island terminal will be directly prompted to a menu.

Other - Chairman Ahrens reported that Mr. Cook and he received an email from Mr. Stuart Cutler asking for the FIFD to consider changing the boat schedule to accommodate Shoreline East train on Fridays and Sundays. Discussion ensued. Mr. Burns reported that Mr. Haney has consulted with the train schedules and changes have been made to accommodate. The BOC is willing to take the matter into consideration for future schedules; however, are unable to change the current approved schedule at this time. Mr. Cook will respond to Mr. Cutler.

Property Management - Mr. Murphy updated the BOC. No further information has been learned regarding the proposed tax assessments. Mr. Craig Shultz has followed up with the TOS building inspector and must comply with all building codes.

TOS August Transport Request - The BOC has agreed to transport members from the TOS for its annual Town Board meeting held at Fishers Island on Wednesday, August 8, 2018.

Executive Session

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At 17:41, 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.

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

At 17:48, the following resolution was proposed:

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

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

Airport Management

RESOLUTION 2018 - 085

Whereas Elizabeth Field Airport requires on site management of the facility, and whereas a RFP was issued; and

Whereas management has received one quote from Mr. Bruce Hubert to manage the airfield; and

Whereas management recommends the acceptance of Mr. Hubert's proposal.

Therefore it is RESOLVED to rescind resolution 2018-060.

It is further resolved that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District accepts the recommendation of management to accept Mr. Hubert's proposal to manage the airfield and to authorize management to execute all contracts and ancillary documents related to this proposal , subject to review by counsel.

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

RESOLUTION 2018 - 060

Whereas Elizabeth Field Airport requires on site management of the facility, and whereas a RFP was issued; and

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Whereas management has received one quote from Mr. Bruce Hubert to manage the airfield; and

Whereas management recommends the acceptance of Mr. Hubert's proposal.

Therefore it is RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District accepts the quote of a 70%/30% revenue share (FD/BH) from Mr. Hubert; and

It is further RESOLVED to authorize management to execute all contracts and ancillary documents, subject to review by counsel.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

Ayes: A Ahrens, H Burnham and D Shillo

Nays: None

HR

RESOLUTION 2018 – 086

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional summer seasonal Deckhands (FIFD) and Laborers during the peak season between May 15, 2018, and September 16, 2018;

Therefore it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect May 23, 2018, Kyle Bentley and Jonathan Allen as summer seasonal Deckhand (FIFD) at a rate of \$12.50 per hour. On September 15, 2018, Messers. Bentley and Allen will terminate their summer seasonal positions. On September 16, 2018 Messers. Bentley and Allen will appointed to part-time Deckhands (FIFD).

It is further RESOLVED to appoint, with effect May 23, 2018, Shamaiah Samson as a summer seasonal Laborer at a rate of \$12.50 per hour and on September 15, 2018, Ms. Samson will terminate her summer seasonal position.

Moved by: Commissioner H. Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner D. Shillo

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

Nays: None

Next Scheduled Meeting – Tuesday, May 29 2018 at 4:30pm at the Island Community Center with a public hearing at 5:00pm regarding the Airport Hangar, New London Seafood and Theater.

Adjournment

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There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner H. Burnham, seconded by Commissioner W. Bloethe, the meeting was adjourned at 5:59 pm.