

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
September 17, 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 September 4, 2018 at 4:30 PM.

Commissioners William Bloethe, Heather Burnham and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, Diane Hansen and Deanna Ross. Commissioner Peter Rugg was present via telephone. Mr. R. DuPont was present.

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

Bid Openings - Chairman Ahrens opened 4 bids received for the engine installation. The first bid was submitted by Senesco in the amount of \$244,835 with no certificate of non collusion. The second bid was submitted by Fairhaven in the amount of \$313,800 with a stipulation of owner supplied reduction gears. A certificate of non collusion was included. The third bid was received from Thames in the amount of \$256,625 with no details. A certificate of non collusion was included. The fourth bid was received from Goodison in the amount of \$202,000. A certificate of non collusion was included.

Correspondence – Mr. Cook reported that several items of correspondence were received. A letter was received from Ms. Deanna Ross requesting fare abatement for medical treatments beginning October 1, 2018 for 4-6 weeks. The BOC approved and Mr. Cook will follow up. A letter was received from the State of Connecticut. Under the advice of Mr. Bob Coleman, the FIFD requested an audit regarding paid fuel excise tax. After review, It was determined that the FIFD is exempt due to being an interstate carrier and will be receiving a refund in the amount of \$73,000, dating back to 2015. In addition, Mr. Cook received a letter from the USCG after an inspection, siting a failure of the facility safety officer to develop and implement an ASP. The proposed penalty is \$5,000. Mr. Cook noted that he just received this today and believes this may pertain to the facility site plan; however, he needs to investigate the details of the matter further and discuss with the USCG.

Commissioner Shillo asked management to follow up on a rude customer service complaint she received from a vendor who attempted to drop off a box at the New London terminal for delivery at 3:15 pm last Thursday. Management has agreed to follow up.

Public Comment - Mr. DuPont has asked the FIFD to hold a permissive referendum regarding the salt barn that the TOS is building. Mr. DuPont believes that this is a conveyance and disagrees with the TOS stance that under the Enabling Act, the TOS is not subject to permissive referendum. Discussion ensued. Mr. Cook has agreed to reach out to Rich Miller for guidance and report his findings at the next BOC meeting.

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2018 – 174

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated September 17 2018, in the amount of \$64,105.30

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

Minutes

RESOLUTION 2018 - 175

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the minutes of the August 17, 2018 meeting.

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

Management Reports

Dredging Silver Eel Cove - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. The permit application went in on September 5, 2018. The plan is to have dredging done in November 2018, contingent on availability of funds.

Engineering Services

RESOLUTION 2018 - 176

Whereas the main ramp at Silver Eel Cove has become misaligned and is in need of realignment;

Therefore it is resolved that the Ferry District accepts Docko, Inc.'s time and material proposal for up to \$2800 for professional engineering services related to recommendations to help alleviate contact between the ramp and compression strut attached to the bumper pile.

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

Project Administration Services and Permitting

RESOLUTION 2018 - 177

Whereas the channel into Silver Eel Cove has silted in and requires dredging; and whereas the State of New York requires applications for certain permits to be submitted for dredging and disposal;

Therefore it is resolved that the Ferry District accepts Docko, Inc.'s time and material proposal for up to \$5,000 for professional engineering services related to submission of permit applications to the NYSDOS, NYSDEC, USACOE and the Town of Southold Trustees for maintenance dredging with on site disposal.

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

Budget Modification

RESOLUTION 2018 – 178

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby increases the 2018 Fishers Island Ferry District budget as follows:

Revenues:

SM.2701.00	Refund Prior Year Expense	<u>\$ 11,000.00</u>
	Total	\$ 11,000.00

Appropriations:

SM5709.2.000.100	Repairs Rental Building	<u>\$ 11,000.00</u>
	Total	\$ 11,000.00

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

RESOLUTION 2018 - 179

RESOLVED that the Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby amend the **2018** Fishers Island Ferry District budget as follows:

Decrease Appropriations

SM.1950.4.000.000	Property Tax NL	\$6,300
SM.5710.4.400.100	Marine Engineering	\$13,000
SM.5711.4.000.000	Office Expense	\$1,500
SM.5710.4.000.200	Utilities-FI	\$5,000
SM.9050.8.000.000	Unemployment	\$3,000

Increase Appropriations

SM.1930.4.000.000	Insurance Claim	\$3,000
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SM.5709.2.000.100	Repairs, Rental Building	\$24,000
SM.5710.4.000.800	Uniforms	\$1,500
SM.5713.4.000.000	US Mail	\$300

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

Eversource Energy Audit & Proposal - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. As discussed at the last BOC meeting, Mr. Cook asked Eversource, the FIFD's current energy supplier, to perform an audit and submit a proposal since there has been a monthly power use increase of 25% at the New London Terminal. Mr. Cook received response from the TOS Controller who advised getting two more audits. After discussion, the BOC and management have agreed to use in house engineers to change incandescent and fluorescent lighting to LED lighting over time. FIFD employee Mr. John Paradis is looking for potential energy loss on the dock. In addition, Mr. Cook will follow up with Eversource to ensure the meter is working properly and ask to have it replaced if necessary.

Walsh Park Update - Mr. Cook reported that several options have been identified for relocating the two tenants that occupy the freight shed. The relocation date has been set for December 1, 2018. Commissioner Burnham reported that Walsh Park has agreed to pay for a full property survey by Mr. Dick Strause. This information will benefit the FIFD with regard to mapping of land leases as well as parking.

Theater Electric Invoice and Update - Mr. Cook continues to investigate causes for the August utility invoice of \$3400. In addition, due to the demand increase, Mr. Cook was informed that future utility invoices would be a minimum of \$2500 monthly. Discussion ensued and the BOC recognizes the financial constraints this will put on the theater and its potential viability. Mr. Cook has agreed to continue to investigate this matter and determine if the District has any recourse.

HR

RESOLUTION 2018 – 180

It is hereby RESOLVED to rescind resolution 2018-169.

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

RESOLUTION 2018 – 169

It is RESOLVED that Kathleen Alfred-Nieman be appointed part-time Account Clerk Typist (FIFD) with effect September 1, 2018, and be released from her current title Cashier (FIFD) at the end of business August 31, 2018.

Moved by: Commissioner D. Shillo
 Seconded by: Commissioner H. Burnham

Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, P. Rugg and D. Shillo
Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2018 – 181

It is RESOLVED that Kathleen Alfred-Nieman be appointed part-time Account Clerk Typist (FIFD) with effect September 1, 2018, and be released from her current title Cashier (FIFD) at the end of business August 31, 2018 and her salary will remain the same.

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

RESOLUTION 2018 – 182

It is hereby RESOLVED to rescind resolution 2018-171

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

RESOLUTION 2018 – 171

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires an additional part-time Purser (FIFD);

Therefore it is RESOLVED to appoint Steven Conary as Purser (FIFD) with effect September 13, 2018. Mr. Conary is released from his current title Deckhand (FIFD) at the end of business September 12, 2018.

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

RESOLUTION 2018 – 183

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires an additional part-time Purser (FIFD);

Therefore it is RESOLVED to appoint Steven Conary as Purser (FIFD) with effect September 13, 2018. Mr. Conary is released from his current title Deckhand (FIFD) at the end of business September 12, 2018 and Mr. Conary's salary will remain the same.

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

Executive Session

At 17:28, the following resolution was proposed: RESOLVED, that the Commission move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing employment matters.

Moved by: Commissioner W. Bloethe

Seconded by: Commissioner H. Burnham

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

Nays: None

At 18:31, 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

Next Scheduled Meeting – Monday, October 1, 2018 at 4:00pm at the Island Community Center.

Adjournment

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 6:31 pm.