

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
April 29, 2019

Chairman Ahrens, at the New London Terminal, called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (“the Ferry District”) to order on April 29, 2019 at 1:45 PM.

Commissioners William Bloethe, Peter Rugg and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Gordon Murphy, RJ Burns, Diane Hansen and Deanna Ross. There were several members of the public present. Commissioner Burnham was absent.

Chairman Rugg established that a quorum was present. Everyone in attendance pledged allegiance to the flag.

Correspondence/Public Comment – Commissioner Shillo received an email from Mr. David Rivers requesting a fare waiver so he can transport his disabled mother to the island where she will be met and picked up by her partner. Discussion ensued. Mr. Burns commented that the FD holds firm ground with regard to ADA compliance. ADA compliance applies to the terminals, not the ferries. Accommodations are made as needed. The BOC has agreed to accommodate Mr. Rivers request and will look at these requests on a case by case basis. Commissioner Shillo will respond to Mr. Rivers. Chairman Ahrens received a request from FIFD Assistant Chief, Matt Edwards, asking permission from the FD to use the bunker for training on May 18, 2019. The BOC approves Mr. Edwards’s request. There was no public comment.

Minutes

RESOLUTION 2019 - 062

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the minutes of the April 3, 2019 meeting.

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

RESOLUTION 2019 - 063

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the minutes of the April 15, 2019 meeting.

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

RESOLUTION 2019 - 064

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the minutes of the April 18, 2019 meeting.

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

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2019 - 065

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated April 29, 2019 in the amount of \$51,818.27.

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

Management Reports

Marine Update - Mr. Burns updated the BOC. Mr. Burns is very pleased with Goodison Shipyard and their project manager and believes they did a fantastic job with the re-power of Munnatawket. Electronic testing protocols and sea trials were successful. Currently the results are in the hands of the USCG awaiting approval. Mr. Burns does not have an ETA; however, feels the process will be completed soon. Fairhaven Shipyard arrived at the New London Terminal this morning to replace the wheelhouse windows. The delay was due to the manufacturer of the windows. Goodison Shipyard will be arriving this week to complete the punch list from the shipyard. There is no additional cost associated with this work. Cummins and possibly Twin Disc are expected to arrive tomorrow with the new black box and program it into the new control systems. Training of the captains and crew will continue. COIs for both boats are scheduled for mid-May. Painting of the boats will take place as weather permits. Once Munnatawket is up and running, Race Point will go offline for maintenance before the peak season arrives. Commissioner Shillo inquired about a diver she observed at the dock. Mr. Burns responded that the FD adopted the same protocol as Cross Sound Ferry and have a diver come out once a week to inspect and clean the keel cooler, etc.

Fast Passenger Ferry Update - Mr. Burns is focusing on the operations/support of the boat. Mr. Burns and Mr. Haney have been looking for fuel vendors and have found one. In addition, Mr. Burns is awaiting an email back from Norton's Marine to work towards a maintenance contract for the outboards. A name change of the boat will occur through a contest. Mr. Burns has asked that the name be picked out soon as the name will have to be changed with the change of documents and COI. Mr. Murphy reported that he is waiting to hear back from the TOS regarding the loan. Docking is secured with New London City Pier and FIDCO. There has been ongoing discussion of tentative schedules and staffing.

Property Update - Walsh Park/Freight Building - Mr. Murphy reported that no final decision has been made with regard to the fire suppression system. The sub-committee will be meeting this Friday. Mr. Cook or Chairman Ahrens will report back to the BOC after the meeting.

Theater Update - Mr. Murphy reported that the FD will be negotiating with the Friends of Fishers Island Theater for an annual lease. There is nothing finalized at this time.

Legal

Dock Leases

RESOLUTION 2019 - 066

Whereas additional dockage to land passengers on Fishers Island and New London is required for the Ferry District's passenger ferry; and

Whereas the FIDCO dock in Silver Eel Cove and the City of New London's City Pier are the most appropriate; and

Therefore it is RESOLVED to authorize management to execute leases for dockage from FIDCO not to exceed \$3,200 annually and the City of New London not to exceed \$500.00 per week plus sales tax, if appropriate, subject to review by District Counsel.

Moved by: Commissioner P. Rugg

Seconded by: Commissioner A. Ahrens

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

Nays: None

HANGAR PROJECT AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION 2019 - 067

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5-b(g) of the 1947 Enabling Act of the Fishers Island Ferry District ("FIFD"), the Board of Commissioners is authorized to manage and operate the Elizabeth Field Airport ("Airport") and to lease a portion of the Airport premises as may be reasonably necessary or incidental to the repair and operation of aircraft and the use and operation of the Airport, subject to the approval of the Town Board of the Town of Southold following a public hearing held by the Board of Commissioners of the FIFD; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the FIFD has recognized the need for an airplane hangar for the maintenance and storage of aircraft utilizing the airport; and

WHEREAS, the BOC of the FIFD has received an offer from 39 Bravo LLC for a ground lease of up to thirty-five (35) years of a portion of the Airport premises and for the design and construction of a three (3) airplane hangar upon said premises at no cost to the residents of the FIFD (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the BOC of the FIFD held a duly noticed public hearing on May 29, 2018 for the purpose of presenting the project to the residents of the FIFD and to invite comment from all interested persons; and

WHEREAS, no public comment was offered at said hearing in opposition to the Project; and

WHEREAS, the BOC of the FIFD has determined that it will be in the best interests of the resident of the FIFD to proceed with the Project; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby authorizes and directs management, to execute the Hangar Project Agreement and Ground Lease with 39 Bravo, LLC, subject to the approval of District counsel, the Town Attorney and the Town Board.

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

HR

RESOLUTION 2019 - 068

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Deckhands (FIFD);

Therefore it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect May 10, 2018, John Leese and David Ferace as a part-time Deckhands (FIFD) at a rate of \$12.50 per hour.

It is further RESOLVED to temporarily appoint with effect May 13, 2019 Messrs. Leese and Ferace from part-time to full-time summer seasonal status. On September 15, 2019, Messrs. Leese and Ferace will terminate their summer seasonal positions and on September 16, 2019 be re-appointed to part-time Deckhands (FIFD).

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

RESOLUTION 2019 – 069

Whereas Karina Curbelo has exceeded the qualifications of her position as a Cashier (FIFD); and

Therefore it is RESOLVED to increase Ms. Curbelo's hourly rate to \$14.50 with effect May 8, 2019.

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

RESOLUTION 2019 - 070

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional full-time Account Clerk Typists (FIFD) during the peak season;

It is further RESOLVED to temporarily appoint with effect May 13, 2019 Kathleen Alfred-Neiman and Kasia Asmolov from part-time to full-time summer seasonal status. On September 15, 2019, Ms. Alfred-Nieman and Ms. Asmolov will terminate their summer seasonal position and on September 16, 2019 be re-appointed to part-time Account Clerk Typists (FIFD).

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

RESOLUTION 2019 - 071

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional full-time Cashiers (FIFD) during the peak season between May 13, 2019, and September 15, 2019;

Therefore it is RESOLVED to temporarily appoint with effect May 13, 2019 Karina Curbelo and Steven Canary as Cashiers (FIFD) from part-time to full-time summer seasonal status. On September 15, 2019, Ms. Curbelo and Mr. Canary will terminate their summer seasonal positions and on September 16, 2019 be re-appointed to part-time Cashiers (FIFD).

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

RESOLUTION 2019 - 072

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional full-time Pursers (FIFD) during the peak season between May 13, 2019, and September 15, 2019;

Therefore it is RESOLVED to temporarily appoint with effect May 13, 2019 John Gural as Purser (FIFD) from part-time to full-time summer seasonal status. On September 15, 2019, Mr. Gural will terminate his summer seasonal position and on September 16, 2019 be re-appointed to part-time Purser (FIFD).

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

RESOLUTION 2019 - 073

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional full-time Deckhands (FIFD) during the peak season between May 13, 2019, and September 15, 2019;

Therefore it is RESOLVED to temporarily appoint with effect May 13, 2019 Jonathan Allen, Kyle Bentley, Mark Boehm, Christopher Bridgman, Rodney Brown, Peter Gilmore, Vince Haring, Finbar Foley, Steven Kamm, Mary Kirby, and Robert Sasso as summer seasonal Deckhands (FIFD).

On September 15, 2019, Jonathan Allen, Kyle Bentley, Mark Boehm, Christopher Bridgman, Rodney Brown, Peter Gilmore, Vince Haring, Finbar Foley, Steven Kamm, Mary Kirby, and Robert Sasso will terminate their summer seasonal positions and on September 16, 2019 be re-appointed to part-time Deckhands (FIFD).

Moved by: Commissioner D. Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner P. Rugg

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2019 - 074

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional full-time Freight Agent (FIFD) during the peak season between May 13, 2019, and September 15, 2019;

Therefore it is RESOLVED to temporarily appoint with effect May 13, 2019 Nathan White as Freight Agent (FIFD) from part-time to full-time summer seasonal status. On September 15, 2019, Mr. White will terminate his summer seasonal position and on September 16, 2019 be re-appointed to part-time Freight Agent (FIFD).

Moved by: Commissioner P. Rugg

Seconded by: Commissioner W. Bloethe

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

Nays: None

Other

Morris & McVeigh Letter - Commissioner Rugg reported that a letter was received advising the FD that the law firm Morris & McVeigh is dissolving. The core of the firm will be moving to the firm; Blank Rome. Discussion ensued. A new retainer with schedule of fees will need to be received and the BOC will re-visit the issue at a later date.

Dredging - Chairman Ahrens is requesting an answer from Docko, Inc. regarding the under estimate of the dredging project. The RFPs came in three times the estimated amount. Discussion ensued. There is agreement that the need for dredging is becoming critical to safety and navigation. Mr. Murphy reported that Mr. Cook is looking into different techniques including hydraulic dredging as opposed to the clam shell.

New London Seafood - Mr. Burns reported that he has been in constant communication with the fishing vessels and they have been dropping their catch off. Commissioner Shillo has requested management to provide revenue numbers associated with the fishing vessels.

Executive Session

At 14:47, the following resolution was proposed: RESOLVED, that the Commission move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

Moved by: Commissioner W. Bloethe

Seconded by: Commissioner P. Rugg

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

Nays: None

At 15:06, 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 D. Shillo

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

Nays: None

Next Scheduled Meeting – Monday, May 13, 2019 at 4:30 pm, with a 3:30 pm working session, at the New London Terminal.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner A. Ahrens, seconded by Commissioner D. Shillo, the meeting was adjourned at 3:07 pm.