

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
May 13, 2019

Chairman 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 13, 2019 at 4:30 PM.

Commissioners William Bloethe, Heather Burnham and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, Gordon Murphy and Deanna Ross. RJ Burns was present via telephone. Commissioner Peter Rugg was absent. There were no members of the public present.

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

Correspondence/Public Comment – Mr. Murphy reported that the FD received an email from IPP requesting a student rate for a 15 year old off island student who will be working as a counselor at IPP for the summer. The BOC has granted the request and Mr. Murphy will respond. There is no public comment.

Finance Committee - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. Financials were reviewed during the working session. Car and Traffic is down 15%. Gross profit is down 4%. Total expenses are down 9% year over year.

Budget Modification

RESOLUTION 2019 – 075

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District

hereby amends the **2019** Fishers Island Ferry District budget as follows:

Decrease Appropriations

5SM5710.4.000.200	Utilities-FI	\$7,000
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		\$7,000

Increase Appropriations

5SM7155.4.000.000	Theater	\$7,000
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		\$7,000

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

Warrants

RESOLUTION 2019 - 076

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated May 13, 2019 in the amount of \$90,887.32.

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

RESOLUTION 2019 - 077

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant A dated May 13, 2019 in the amount of \$450,000.

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

Management Reports

Marine Update - Mr. Burns updated the BOC. Munnatawket's COI is this Friday, May 17, 2019 at 9am. A few details remain prior to the COI. Race Point's COI is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4, 2019. All the captains are comfortable with the maneuvering of Munnatawket with the new engines. To date, there has been a saving of 12 gallons of oil per engine. Mr. Burns will be able to quantify the fuel savings at a later date when the boat has been running more. Mr. Burns visited New London City Hall this morning to provide them with information on the new passenger ferryboat. City Hall has shown great support in the endeavor. Mr. Burns also visited the New London dock master to discuss slip rental details. Mr. Burns is grateful for the team effort of the City, as well as the USCG in Rhode Island and Connecticut. Mr. Burns believes that the passenger ferry boat will not be available until after Memorial Day. Once the boat arrives, a USCG "new to zone inspection" will need to take place prior to operation of the boat and several days will be needed to familiarize the captains and crew with the boat. The Harbor Elementary School will be taking a field trip to Fishers Island School on June 4, 2019. 38 students plus chaperones will pay student pricing. Mr. Burns notified the BOC that a small disturbance by a suspected mentally ill person occurred in the lobby of the New London Terminal last Sunday. The incident was handled very well by Steve Conary. New London EMTs were notified and responded to the individual and the entire incident lasted no more than 10 minutes.

Property Update - Mr. Murphy informed the BOC that in preparation for leasing 357 Whistler Avenue to Hay Harbor for dates, the FD is looking for furniture to furnish the house. Rental permitting is in process with TOS.

Passenger Ferry Update - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. The Town of Southold offered a short-term loan of \$460,000 at 2.5% interest per year. Management expects to pay this off in September 2019. The invoice was received from Kirby Perkins and is on the warrant approved today. Management expects to take possession of the boat either Thursday, May 23, 2019 or Friday, May 24, 2019. Several captains have visited the boat and have test-driven her. Several scheduling conference calls have taken place with FareHarbor. Presently, there are a total of 18-20 scheduled trips per week. Trips are coordinated with the trains. This will be a focused reservation boat. Commuter pricing which will be purchased in 20 ticket bundles at \$21.00 round trip. Non-commuter passengers with a reservation will pay \$15.00 plus service fee for one way. Walk-ons will pay \$18.00 plus service fee one way. Management continues to work on scheduling and rates and both are subject to change. These prices differ from those previously reported.

Theater Update - Mr. Murphy sent Mr. Luke Fowler, president of Friends of Fishers Island Theater, Inc., a draft lease with a yearly \$1,000 fee plus utilities and it was rejected. The FD paid \$5,000 into maintenance of the roof last year. In addition, the FD paid for maintenance of the projector and paid off-season utilities including a \$1,200 energy audit by BD to help resolve the electrical issue. The FI School notified the FD that they would like to use the Theater for graduation. Discussion ensued. Management will continue to work towards a solution.

Legal

TOS Loan

RESOLUTION 2019 – 078

Whereas the District has entered into a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Kirby Perkins Construction, Inc. for the acquisition of a passenger ferry; and

WHEREAS, the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "District") has requested, and the Town of Southold (the "Town") has approved the issuance of debt for the purchase of a high speed passenger ferry at a cost not to exceed four hundred and sixty thousand dollars (\$460,000.00), and;

WHEREAS, the District wishes to purchase the high speed passenger ferry prior to the time that the Town intends to issue the debt for the purchase of the ferry, and

WHEREAS, the District does not have sufficient funds to purchase the high speed passenger ferry prior to the Town's issuance of debt, and;

WHEREAS, the Town has sufficient reserves to loan the District the funds necessary for the purchase of the high-speed passenger ferry,

NOW, THEREFORE, it is RESOLVED to authorize George Cook to execute the loan agreement with the Town for funds to be used to purchase the passenger ferry.

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

Waive procurement for passenger ferry fuel

RESOLUTION 2019 – 079

Whereas District management is unable to project fuel usage for the passenger-only ferry during 2019; and

Whereas, as a result, estimates of total gallons to be purchased cannot be supplied to potential vendors; and

Whereas local vendors have declined to either quote or bid without a guarantee of the minimum quantity to be purchased by the District.

Therefore it is resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District that the requirement of the District Procurement Policy for quotes or bids on purchases exceeding \$3,000 cumulatively is waived for fuel purchases for the passenger-only ferry during 2019.

It is further resolved that management will solicit competitive quotes or bids in 2020 for fuel purchases for the passenger-only ferry.

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

Goodison

RESOLUTION 2019 - 080

WHEREAS, costs from J. Goodison Co., Inc. for repowering the MV Munnatawket exceed the total approved amount by \$7,000; and

WHEREAS, J. Goodison Co., Inc. has presented, and management has accepted, change orders #1 through #11 for additional work; and

WHEREAS, Change Order dollar amounts were inadvertently omitted from the amount specified in Resolution 2019-230. Now, therefore it is

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners increases the approved contingency amount from \$64,300 to \$71,300, the total contract price not to exceed \$273,300.

Moved by: Commissioner H. Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner W. Bloethe

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

Nays: None

Munnatawket Engine Installation Award

RESOLUTION 2018 - 230

Whereas new engines are required for the M/V Munnatawket; and

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

Whereas four proposals were received, the proposal conforms to the published specifications, the pricing is acceptable to management, and management recommends accepting the proposal from J. Goodison Co., 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 J. Goodison Co. for \$202,000 to install engines in the MV Munnatawket; and

be it further Resolved to authorize management to review and authorize change orders up to \$30,300.00; the total cost not to exceed \$232,300.00, and

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

Munnatawket Bottom Painting

Resolution 2019 - 020

WHEREAS, THE BOC OF THE FIFD, BY WAY OF RESOLUTION 2018 - 230 DATED December 10, 2018 ACCEPTED THE PROPOSAL FROM J. GOODISON, CO., INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 202,000.00 FOR THE REPOWERING OF THE M/V MUNNATAWKET WITH A CONTINGENCY AMOUNT FOR ADDITIONAL REPAIRS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 32,300.00; AND

WHEREAS, THE REPOWERING OF THE M/V MUNNATAWKET IS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY AND NEARING COMPLETION; AND

WHEREAS DUE TO THE EXTENSIVE UNFORESEEN REPAIRS TO THE BOTTOM OF THE VESSEL, VARIOUS AREAS REQUIRE REPAINTING AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$15,000; AND

WHEREAS, THE ENTIRE VESSEL BOTTOM IS SCHEDULED FOR REPAINTING LATER THIS YEAR AT THE ESTIMATED COST OF \$34,000; AND

WHEREAS THE BOC OF THE FIFD HAS DETERMINED THAT IT WOULD BE MORE EFFICIENT AND COST EFFECTIVE TO COMPLETE THE REPAINTING OF THE ENTIRE VESSEL BOTTOM AT THIS TIME TO SAVE THE COST OF PATCH PAINTING; AND

WHEREAS, THE PAINTING OF THE VESSEL BOTTOM WILL EXCEED THE APPROVED CONTINGENCY AMOUNT BY \$34,000; AND

WHEREAS, J. GOODISON CO., INC. HAS PRESENTED A CHANGE ORDER REQUEST TO THE BOC OF THE FIFD FOR THE ADDITIONAL WORK.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOC OF THE FIFD APPROVES THE CHANGE ORDER AND AMENDS THE APPROVED CONTINGENCY AMOUNT FROM \$30,300 TO \$64,300, WITH THE TOTAL CONTRACT PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$266,300.

Property Management

RESOLUTION 2019 - 081

357 Whistler Ave

WHEREAS, the Fishers Island Ferry District ("FD") wishes to lease 357 Whistler Avenue for the period June 1, 2019 through September 15, 2019 to the Hay Harbor Club, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the BOC has determined that the proposal is fair and reasonable and beneficial to the residents of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the FD authorizes management to execute the Lease Agreement with Hay Harbor Club, Inc. for a term of June 1, 2019 through September 15, 2019 without a renewal option for the amount of \$22,500 for the term, subject to the approval of District Counsel and the Town Attorney.

Moved by: Commissioner A. Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner D. Shillo

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

Nays: None

New London Harbor School

RESOLUTION 2019 – 082

Whereas as part of a local community outreach project with the NL Harbor Elementary School a fourth grade field trip to Fishers Island and the school is being organized; and .

Therefore it is resolved to offer an \$8.00 round trip ticket price for 38 students and 4 teachers for this one-time event.

Moved by: Commissioner H. Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner D. Shillo

Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, H. Burnham and D. Shillo
Nays: None

HR

RESOLUTION 2019 – 083

Whereas Kevin Carroll has exceeded the qualifications of his position as a Freight Agent (FIFD); and
Therefore it is RESOLVED to increase Mr. Carroll's hourly rate to \$20.00 with effect May 23, 2019.

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

RESOLUTION 2019 – 084

The Fishers Island Ferry district rescinds Resolution 2019-068

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

RESOLUTION 2019 – 085

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Deckhands (FIFD);

Therefore it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect May 10, 2018, John S. Leese, Jr. 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, H. Burnham and D. Shillo

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2019 – 086

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional summer Laborers;

Therefore it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect May 15, 2019, Hunter Kucsera, Charles von Stade and Ian Tirabassi as summer seasonal laborers at \$12.50 per hour.

It is further RESOLVED that on September 15, 2019, Messrs. Kucsera, von Stade and Tirabassi will terminate their summer seasonal positions and on September 16, 2019 Mr. Kucsera be appointed to part-time Laborer.

Moved by: Commissioner H. Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner D. Shillo

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2019 – 087

The Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District accepts the resignations of Sarah Freeman and Shemaiah Samson with effect April 30, 2019. There are no accrued payments due Ms. Freeman or Ms. Samson.

Moved by: Commissioner A. Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner H. Burnham

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2019 – 088

The Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District accepts the resignation of Kevin Norton with effect April 25, 2019. Mr. Norton has 17 vacation days (136 hours at \$16.73) of accrued vacation totaling \$2,275.28 due him. The BOC also wishes him well on his new career.

Moved by: Commissioner A. Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner D. Shillo

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

Nays: None

Executive Session - The BOC has agreed that no executive session is needed at this time.

Other

PT's Optional Health/Dental Insurance - Discussion ensued regarding the consideration of offering part-time employees insurance if the employee paid the full rate. The BOC has agreed that if insurance is offered, it is after the 6-month probation period and at the employee's expense. Mr. Murphy has agreed to follow up with The Gowrie Group, as well as with counsel with regard to the bargaining agreement and will put together a proposal and present at the next BOC meeting.

Naming of the fast passenger ferry - Chairman Ahrens circulated all the boat names that were submitted to the website. A committee comprised of Pierce Rafferty, Ken Edwards Sr., James Wall, Patty Faulkner and Mary Horn will choose five top names from the list and submit to Mr. Cook who will then circulate to the BOC for a vote.

Next Scheduled Meeting – Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 4:30 pm at the Island Community Center.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner H. Burnham, seconded by Commissioner D. Shillo, the meeting was adjourned at 5:36 pm.