

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Fishers Island Ferry District  
June 10, 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 June 10, 2019 at 4:30 PM.

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

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

**Correspondence/Public Comment** – A letter was received from the Fishers Island Community Center requesting consideration for a discounted charter rate of the Silver Eel for a Ledge Light Lighthouse Cruise. Discussion ensued and management will follow up and work out the details for an appropriate rate. The Lighthouse Works Silver Eel Cove artwork installation is complete. Mr. Cook reported that rocks in the parking lot will be used around the base of the structure to level it out. Approval was necessary as it is above the high water mark. There was no public comment.

**Minutes**

RESOLUTION 2019 - 095

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the minutes of the April 29, 2019 meeting.

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 2019 - 096

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the minutes of the May 13, 2019 meeting.

Moved by: Commissioner A. Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner D. Shillo

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2019 - 097

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the minutes of the May 28, 2019 meeting.

Moved by: Commissioner H. Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner D. Shillo

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

Nays: None

**Enabling Act Update** - Commissioner Rugg updated the BOC. The bill that only includes the change in bonding authority has been passed by the Senate. The bill remains held up in the House Assembly. The session ends at the end of June. Discussion ensued regarding the other pieces of the Enabling Act legislation that have yet to be addressed. Commissioner Rugg has suggested that several BOC members, along with a representative from the TOS, arrange for a trip to Albany for a meeting with Senator LaValle and Assembly Member Palumbo. Mr. Cook agreed to call Palumbo's office.

### **Warrant**

RESOLUTION 2019 - 098

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated June 10, 2019 in the amount of \$23,857.36.

Moved by: Commissioner P. Rugg

Seconded by: Commissioner W. Bloethe

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

Nays: None

### **Management Reports**

**Marine Update** - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. Both boats are running fine. Management continues to work on specs for new mufflers for Munnatawket. The new mufflers would require fabrication and installation with an estimated total cost close to \$10,000. Silver Eel has been up and running for nine days. There have been close to 100 online bookings to date. At this time there are five daily commuters each way. Management continues to explore different travel times to accommodate passengers. Mini schedules will be made available when the schedule is finalized.

**Property** - Commissioner Burnham reported that the contract between Walsh Park and BD is close to being signed. Work is scheduled to commence one week after the contract is signed. Mr. Cook reported that Hay Harbor renters have arrived at 357 Whistler Avenue. Mr. Murphy reported that a few items need to be finalized for the TOS rental permit application which has to be completed by August 1, 2019. Commissioner Burnham reported that several people have commented on the pile of metal that is near the airport. Mr. Hubert was granted permission to fence the area off and hide it approximately 18 months ago, but it has not been done yet. Mr. Murphy will be meeting with Mr. Hubert this week and will bring the matter to his attention. Commissioner Rugg inquired about the status of the airport hangar. Mr. Cook responded that there were some issues with the language of the agreement and has asked attorney Finnegan to clear up the matter with Town Attorney Duffy. Mr. Murphy reported that Friends

of the Fishers Island Theater signed a lease agreement for the 2019 season. Management is working with BD regarding a replacement smoke sensor for the theater.

RESOLUTION 2019 – 099

It is RESOLVED to rescind resolution 2019-081

Moved by: Commissioner A. Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner P. Rugg

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

Nays: None

*RESOLUTION 2019 - 081*

**357 Whistler Ave – Short-term lease**

*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 Ahrens*

*Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo*

*Ayes: Ahrens, Bloethe, Burnham and Shillo*

*Nays: None*

RESOLUTION 2019 - 100

**357 Whistler Ave – Short-term lease**

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 corrected 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 H. Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner P. Rugg

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

Nays: None

**Health Benefits Renewal** - Mr. Murphy updated the BOC. New enrollment will take place this Thursday, June 10. All employees that are eligible are already in the program.

**Blank Rome Retainer** - Discussion ensued regarding legal professional services. The BOC has agreed to table the proposed legal retainer until further options are explored.

### **Airfield Electrical Vault Rehabilitation Award**

RESOLUTION 2019 - 101

Whereas an Airfield Electrical Vault Rehabilitation grant project was approved in the 2018 ACIP; and

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

Whereas one proposal was received, the proposal conforms to the published specifications, the pricing is acceptable to C&S Engineers, Inc. and to management, and management recommends accepting the proposal from Baseline King Corporation; 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 Baseline King Corporation for \$283,000 to rehabilitate the airport electrical vault building and replace certain airfield lighting controllers and equipment, subject to FAA concurrence of the bid and FAA grant funding; and be it is further

Resolved to authorize management to review and authorize change orders up to \$42,450 (15%); the total cost not to exceed \$325,450; and it is further

Resolved to authorize management to execute contract and ancillary documents for this project after review by District and Town counsel.

Moved by: Commissioner H. Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner W. Bloethe

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

Nays: None

### **Other**

**Airport** - Mr. Murphy reported that it was brought to his attention that kids were riding their bikes on the runway over the Memorial Day weekend. In addition, someone had made a fire near the airport electrical vault. Mr. Murphy brought this to the attention of the State Trooper. Management will be

working to add more cameras in the area, as well as more signage with regard to idling at both the airport and ferry staging area.

**2020 Resident Discount Program** - Discussion ensued regarding the qualifications needed to prove full time resident status.

### **Executive Session**

At 17:33, the following resolution was proposed: RESOLVED, that the Commission move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

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

At 17:39, 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 W. Bloethe  
Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, P. Rugg and D. Shillo  
Nays: None

**Next Scheduled Meeting – Monday, June 24, 2019 at 4:30 pm at the Fishers Island Community Center.**

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner W. Bloethe, seconded by Commissioner P. Rugg, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.