

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
August 5, 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 August 5, 2019 at 4:30 PM.

Commissioners Heather Burnham, William Bloethe and Peter Rugg were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, Gordon Murphy, John Haney and Deanna Ross. Members of the Finance Committee included Tom Cashel and Bob Coleman. Commissioner Dianna Shillo was absent.

Chairman 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. Chairman Ahrens and the BOC welcomed members of the Finance Committee.

Minutes

RESOLUTION 2019 - 121

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the minutes of the June 10, 2019 meeting.

Moved by: Commissioner Bloethe
Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens
Ayes: Ahrens, Bloethe, Burnham and Rugg
Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2019 - 122

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the minutes of the June 22, 2019 meeting.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens
Seconded by: Commissioner Rugg
Ayes: Ahrens, Bloethe, Burnham and Rugg
Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2019 - 123

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the minutes of the July 8, 2019 meeting.

Moved by: Commissioner Rugg

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens
Ayes: Ahrens, Bloethe, Burnham and Rugg
Nays: None

Budget Modification

RESOLUTION 2019 – 124

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

SM.1910.4.000.300	Workers Comp Insurance	\$3,000
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Increase Appropriations

SM.1910.4.000.200	Airport Insurance	\$100
SM1910.4.000.100	Ferry Insurance	\$2,900
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		\$3,000

Moved by: Commissioner Rugg
Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens
Ayes: Ahrens, Bloethe, Burnham and Rugg
Nays: None

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2019 - 125

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated August 8, 2019 in the amount of \$52,771.51.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens
Seconded by: Commissioner Rugg
Ayes: Ahrens, Bloethe, Burnham and Rugg
Nays: None

Finance Committee - Mr. Coleman and Mr. Cashel thanked management and the BOC for setting up the Finance Committee and commends the BOC and management for doing a fantastic job. Observations and recommendations were expressed to the BOC with regard to revenue and expenses including map-

ping out a program for the next 10 years, getting the airport in the positive, getting rentals to earn a market rate of return and developing a business plan for Silver Eel. Mr. Coleman has suggested that a minimum of 10% return is needed on all assets. Discussion ensued among the BOC and Finance Committee members regarding the Fishers Island Ferry assets including the boats, the airport, the theater, rentals and undeveloped lands, as well as, current partnerships with Walsh Park and Lighthouse Works. Continued discussion occurred regarding Silver Eel and the auto ferries rates and schedules.

Management Reports

Marine Update - Mr. Cook updated the BOC and reviewed the traffic report for July. Passengers and Commercial traffic were up 2% and 12% respectively compared to 2018. Mr. Cook reported that the boats are running fine. The new mufflers for Munnatawket are on order and still unsure if they will be installed before the yard period.

MV Silver Eel Update - Mr. Cook reported that Silver Eel was pulled out last week for service. Both water pumps were changed and new props will be put on tomorrow. Silver Eel moved 526 passengers in June 2019 and 1,167 in July 2019. In addition, there were 13 charters in July 2019. Continued efforts are being made to advertise the charter service via social media platforms and email blasts.

Airport - Mr. Ahrens reported that that he has had two conversations with Bruce Hubert regarding ways to increase revenues at the airport, as well as, the reason for the increased rent due to new assessment of property taxes. Chairman Ahrens has agreed to facilitate a future meeting with Mr. Hubert, himself, Mr. Cook and Mr. Murphy to discuss matters of the airport. Mr. Cook informed the BOC that minor changes were made to the hanger lease including a date change and a name change of Bravo 39 LLC to Fishers Island Airways LLC. Mr. Murphy reported that the runway lights will remain off from dusk to dawn throughout the fall.

Property - Mr. Cook informed the BOC that 357 Whistler Avenue house will be getting painted in August. In addition, there has been some repair work to the rental space of Tom Ravino at Mosquito Hollow. Mr. Murphy reported that he will be working with Attorney Finnegan with regard to the property management agreement.

Insurance - Mr. Murphy reported that management reviewed all the policies that they were supposed to and in the fall, management will look at the property more closely, as well as, other hard assets. An engineer will be arriving on September 16 to look at the boats and some of the infrastructure.

HR - Mr. Murphy reported that Kathleen Neiman's last paycheck will be delayed by 2 weeks due to an oversight.

Other

Election Inspectors

Resolution 2019 - 126

The Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Meredith Doyen and Deanna Ross to be Election Inspectors for the August 13th Fishers Island Ferry District Board of Commissioners election at a rate of \$20.00 per hour.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham
Seconded by: Commissioner Bloethe
Ayes: Ahrens, Bloethe, Burnham and Rugg
Nays: None

Reimbursement

Resolution 2019 – 127

Whereas the Fishers Island Ferry District purchased a new passenger ferry that required additional equipment for ticketing; and

Whereas Fishers Island Ferry District entered into a summer rental lease for the residence property requiring the building have certain furnishings; and

Whereas Mr. Gordon Murphy was tasked to purchase items for the above and his Purchase Card failed at the vendor's point of sale; and

Therefore it is RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District that the Commissioners authorize reimbursement for the following expenditures; \$87.18 for Silver Eel IT equipment, \$229.93 for residence furnishing and consumables and \$21.16 for dinnerware for the residence is approved.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens
Seconded by: Commissioner Bloethe
Ayes: Ahrens, Bloethe, Burnham and Rugg
Nays: None

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

Next Scheduled Meetings – Election on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 and Public Budget meeting on Friday, August 16, 2019 @ 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 A. Ahrens, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 pm.