

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Fishers Island Ferry District  
September 16, 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 September 16, 2019 at 4:30 PM.

Commissioners Heather Burnham, William Bloethe and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook and Deanna Ross. Commissioner Peter Rugg 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. There was no public comment.

**Budget Modification**

RESOLUTION 2019 – 138

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	\$1,000
SM.1930.4.000.000	Insurance Claim	\$100
SM.5709.2.000.200	Repairs, Other Docks & Terminals	\$5,000
SM.5710.2.000.000	Ferry Repairs Both Vessels	\$5,000
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		\$11,100

Increase Appropriations

SM.1980.4.000.000	MTA Tax	\$1,000
SM1910.4.000.100	Ferry Insurance	\$100
SM.5709.2.000.100	Repairs, Other Rental Building	\$5,000
SM.5710.2.000.300	Ferry Repairs Silver Eel	\$5,000
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		\$11,100

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

### **Warrant**

#### RESOLUTION 2019 - 139

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated September 16, 2019, in the amount of \$1,031,597.28.

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

### **Theater**

#### RESOLUTION 2019 – 140

Whereas the Fishers Island Community Theater's main hall smoke sensor failed late this spring; and

Whereas local vendors declined to either, quote or bid due to timing.

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 the community theater smoke sensor replacement; and it is further

Resolved to accept the invoice from BD Remodeling and Restoration and authorize management to pay BD Remodeling & Restoration upon receipt of the invoice.

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

**Traffic** - Mr. Cook reviewed August 2019 traffic. Passengers, Vehicles and Commercial were up 3%, 2% and 7% respectively.

**Finance Committee** - Monthly financials were reviewed by the BOC. Year to date operations were down 3%. Labor increased by 3% and gross profit was up 4%.

**Marine Update** - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. The RFP was sent out for Munnatawket's yard package. A vendor will be chosen next week. MJ Bradley and Associates have submitted a grant application to re-power MV Race Point.

**MV Silver Eel Update** - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. Today is the first day of the reduced schedule. The new hours for the commuter schedule are 7am and 4:30 pm from Fishers Island.

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

RESOLUTION 2019 – 141

WHEREAS, the Fishers Island Ferry District ("FD") wishes to lease 357 Whistler Avenue for the term October 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020 to Ferry District employee Kevin Carroll; 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 a Lease Agreement with Kevin Carroll for a term of October 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020 without a renewal option for the amount of \$700 per month for the term, subject to the approval of District Counsel and the Town Attorney.

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

**Other** - Mr. Cook presented two proposals for auto ferry fare increases. Discussion ensued and management and the BOC will continue to look at other proposals before the BOC votes on any rate increase.

### **Executive Session**

At 17:17, the following resolution was proposed:

RESOLVED, that the Commission move into Executive Session for discussing personnel matters.

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

At 17:41, the following resolution was proposed:

RESOLVED, that the Commission exit from Executive Session and resume Public Session.

Moved by: Commissioner A. Ahrens  
Seconded by: Commissioner D. Shillo

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

**Next Scheduled Meeting is Monday, September 30, 2019 @ 4:30 pm at the Fishers 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 5:42 pm.