

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
October 29, 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 October 29, 2019 at 4:40 PM.

Commissioners Heather Burnham and William Bloethe were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook and Gordon Murphy. Commissioners Rugg and Shillo were 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.

Minutes

RESOLUTION 2019 – 151

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the minutes of the August 16, 2019 meeting.

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

RESOLUTION 2019 – 152

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

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

RESOLUTION 2019 – 153

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the minutes of the September 16, 2019 meeting.

Moved by: Commissioner Bloethe
Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens
Ayes: Ahrens, Bloethe and Burnham

Nays: None

Budget Modification

RESOLUTION 2019 – 154

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

SM5710.4.000.200	Ferry Operations Expense: Utilities-FI	\$5,000
		\$5,000

Increase Appropriations

SM5709.2.000.100	Repairs, Other:RentalBuilding	\$5,000
		\$5,000

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

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2019 - 155

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated October 29, 2019, in the amount of \$64,744.86.

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

Traffic - Mr. Cook reviewed September 2019 traffic. Passengers and Vehicles were flat. Commercial were down 11%. There are several special projects and new house builds in process with the expectation that the commercial numbers would increase in 2Q19 and 1Q20. Commissioner Bloethe discussed a bottle recycling program that management will review.

Marine Update - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. The Munnatawket is at Fairhaven for its biannual yard period. New mufflers and drive shaft inspection are the two big projects.

MV Silver Eel Update - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. Schedule is set through 31 October. Review of wintering alternatives, yard storage verses NL terminal storage, is taking place. Schedule is much reduced and unfortunately the commuter head count. The BOC approved the SE service be terminated at the end of the month.

Resident Discount Program

RESOLUTION 2019 – 156

Whereas the resident discount program qualifications require amending;

Therefore it is RESOLVED that the resident discount qualifications be amended to require island residency of 270 days per year and either a NYS driver's license or NYS ID with a Fishers Island address.

It is further RESOLVED that dependents who are full-time students may be qualified until their 26th birthday.

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

Airport update

Mr. Murphy briefed the BOC on the airport. Unfortunately we have not received any 2019 airport statistics or revenue to date. Working with FareHarbor to place landing fees on the website and developing a plan to manage airport revenue collection by the FD. Completed a thirty-day review of airport obstructions. Most have been remediated. What remains is one tree on the Hanau property, one larger tree near the highway barn, trees near the Race Point battery, a couple of signs and a determination from the FAA on identified obstruction lights and the two bunkers. Waiting on TOS to complete and return airport Electrical Vault rehab contracts in order to schedule work. New FAA grant project on the airport road is forth coming – TOS does not consider roads south of Whistler theirs to maintain.

HR

RESOLUTION 2019 – 156

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby grants an FMLA leave of absence for up to 12 weeks to Employee #37626 effective October 29, 2019.

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

Executive Session

At 17:31, the following resolution was proposed:

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

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

At 18:22, the following resolution was proposed:

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

Moved by: Commissioner Bloethe

Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham

Ayes: Ahrens, Bloethe and Burnham

Nays: None

Next Scheduled Meeting is Tuesday, November 12, 2019 @ 4:30 pm at the Fishers Island Community Center.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner Ahrens, seconded by Commissioner Burnham, the meeting was adjourned at 18:24 pm.