

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Fishers Island Ferry District  
March 30, 2020

Chairman Ahrens, at the Island Community Center, called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (“the Ferry District”) to order on March 30, 2020 at 3:00 PM.

Commissioners Jim Reid and Dianna Shillo were present. Commissioner’s Heather Burnham and William Bloethe were present via telephone. Also, in attendance were Gordon Murphy and Deanna Ross. In addition, Geb Cook, RJ Burns and Jesse Marshall were present via telephone. 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. Cook reported that no correspondence was received. There was no public comment.

**Warrant**

RESOLUTION 2020 - 054

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated March 30, 2020, in the amount of \$53,612.20.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens  
Seconded by: Commissioner Reid  
Ayes: A. Ahrens, J. Reid and D. Shillo  
Nays: None

**Traffic/Finance** - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. February passenger traffic was up 16% over 2019. Autos were up 6% and commercial traffic was up 61%. Finances from January 1, 2020 through March 30, 2020 show an increase of 39% over 2019; however, revenue has been trending down as of last week.

**Management Reports**

**MU/RP Updates** - RJ Burns updated the BOC. Mr. Burns attended an industry meeting last Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, regarding the handling of the current Covid-19 crisis. Mr. Burns handed out proof of employment letters to all employees so there would be no issues crossing state lines. Mr. Burns has been receiving Marine Safety Information Bulletins from the USCG. M/V Munnatawket will be heading back to the shipyard this Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, to complete the modifications of the lazarette. One of the naval architects will be visiting on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, regarding the re-power of M/V Race Point. M/V Silver Eel will be receiving necessary welding repairs next week prior to launch and operation of the boat. Management and the BOC have agreed to not run Silver Eel until the crisis is over. Mr. Burns stated that there has been quite a collaborative effort among crew members during these unprecedented times.

Freight is being held for 24 hours once received on Fishers Island and there are no reported concerns at this time.

## **HR**

### **RESOLUTION 2020 – 055**

WHEREAS the Fishers Island Ferry District policy as described in the Employee Handbook and the CSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement grants a 3% longevity increase to wages when an individual has been employed by the Fishers Island Ferry District for five years: and,

It is RESOLVED to note that with effect March 26, 2020, Mr. Mirabelli's pay rate for his Captain (FIFD) title be increased by 3% to \$32.34.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo  
Seconded by: Commissioner Reid  
Ayes: A. Ahrens, J. Reid and D. Shillo  
Nays: None

## **HR/Merits**

### **RESOLUTION 2020 – 056**

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED to increase the wage rates of Michael Fiora to \$31.39 per hour with effect March 26, 2020 and Kristopher Dorsett to \$19.11 with effect March 26, 2020.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens  
Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo  
Ayes: A. Ahrens, J. Reid and D. Shillo  
Nays: None

**Other** - Mr. Murphy is awaiting direction from the Town of Southold regarding the possibility of Zoom meetings for the BOC and determining what qualifies for a transcript in such circumstances. Commissioner Shillo asked if the ferry has enough PPE supplies for the staff and crew. Mr. Cook confirmed that yes indeed they did.

**Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 4:30 PM. Place of meeting to be determined.**

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner D. Shillo, seconded by Commissioner A. Ahrens, the meeting was adjourned at 3:41 pm.

