

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
October 13, 2020

Chairman Ahrens called a teleconference meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (“the Ferry District”) to order on October 13, 2020 at 5:00 PM.

Commissioners Heather Burnham, Jim Reid and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, Gordon Murphy, Jon Haney, Linda Flinn, Jesse Marshall and Deanna Ross. Commissioner Bloethe was absent. 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. Mr. Cook and the BOC welcomed aboard Ms. Linda Flinn as the new Accounting Supervisor.

Budget Mod

RESOLUTION 2020 – 149

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby amends the **2020** Fishers Island Ferry District budget as follows:

Decrease Appropriations		
SM5710.4.000.300	Fuel Oil,Vessels	\$13,500
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Increase Appropriations		
SM1910.4.000.300	Workers' Comp	\$13,500
		<hr/> \$13,500

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

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2020 – 150

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated October 13th, 2020, in the amount of \$53,018.12.

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

2021 Budget

RESOLUTION 2020 - 151

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the 2021 budget in the amount of \$4,742,718.

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

Marine

Silver Eel Update - Mr. Cook and Mr. Haney updated the BOC. Silver Eel did not run today due to weather. The school has requested use of the Munnatawket tomorrow due to scheduled PSAT and SAT testing. Silver Eel will resume on Thursday and Friday. The Silver Eel re-power was completed in two days.

Dredge Update - Mr. Cook reported that there is no new update and dredging will not happen this fall.

RP/MU - Mr. Haney reported that Race Point is scheduled to go to Thames Shipyard on Thursday, October 15, 2020. Mr. Cook reported that the naval architect believes the work should be completed by April 1, 2020. The USCG has yet to approve the electrical plans. Once approved it will still take 80 days to receive the new switchboard. Mr. Haney reported that there have been no problems with Munnatawket.

Other - Mr. Murphy reported that the October schedule has been amended to reflect fuel charters on Wednesdays and Saturdays. If there are no scheduled charters a 11:30/12:45 trip will run instead.

Airport - Mr. Murphy updated the BOC. Revenue to date is approximately \$9,000. Last year revenues were around \$7,000-\$8,000. Mr. Murphy will investigate doing an analysis with the new software system. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Cook will attempt to get on the Town of Southold agenda to discuss the Disadvantage Business Enterprise Program. Mr. Cook reported that paving project will commence in spring of 2021.

Other - Commissioner Reid inquired about an altercation that occurred on the Thursday, October 8th 4:45 pm boat with the domino players. Mr. Cook will look into the matter. Commissioner Reid also inquired about a complaint he received regarding the cleanliness of the bathrooms. Mr. Haney reported that all bathrooms get cleaned when the boat gets cleaned and he will follow up with the crew to ensure cleaning procedures are followed.

Prop Management

RESOLUTION 2020 - 152

WHEREAS the Fishers Island Ferry District (“FD”) wishes to lease 357 Whistler Avenue for the period November 1, 2020 through May 15, 2021 to the Tara Scott and Kevin Carroll; and

WHEREAS, the BOC has determined that the proposal is fair and reasonable and beneficial to the residents of the District; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the FD authorizes management to execute the Lease Agreement with Tara Scott and Kevin Carroll for a term of November 1, 2020 through May 15, 2021 without a renewal option for the amount of \$700.00 per month, subject to the approval of District Counsel.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, J. Reid and D. Shillo

Nays: None

Legal

RESOLUTION 2020 - 153

Whereas the Fishers Island Ferry District additional assistance in transitioning accounting supervisors; and

Whereas the Fishers Island Ferry District wishes to engage Diane Hansen for up to 30 hours of on-site consultation and ten hours of telephonic consultation; and

Therefore, it is RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District engages Ms. Hansen for up to 30 hours of on-site and an additional ten hours of telephonic support to assist in training new staff at a rate of \$100.00 per hour subject to review of district counsel.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, J. Reid and D. Shillo

Nays: None

Other - Commissioner Burnham expressed her concern with the Ferry District’s inability to accept freight on Saturdays, given more and more people rely on deliveries through the Covid 19 pandemic. Mr. Cook reported that volume is low on Saturdays; however it deserves more discussion to find a solution. Mr. Murphy reported that freight received on Saturdays either comes from the common carrier or UPS. Fed Ex does not deliver on Saturdays. Discussion ensued. Management has agreed to look into possible solutions to the matter.

The BOC would like the minutes to reflect how grateful and appreciative they are to management and the entire crew for their continued service and flexibility to passengers and the island during these unprecedented times. Mr. Jesse Marshall reported that everything is good with the crew and their happy to be winding down from a busy year and all have pitched in to make it work.

HR

RESOLUTION 2020 - 154

WHEREAS the District wishes to thank Messrs. Cook and Murphy for their service this spring and summer working under the conditions associated with the Covid-19 pandemic; and

Therefore it is resolved that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District reinstates Messrs. Cook and Murphy to their May 6, 2020 salaries (respectively (\$135,200 and \$98,047.25) with effect September 10, 2020.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, J. Reid and D. Shillo

Nays: None

FI School Letter - Mr. Murphy reported that he received a letter from the school as part of their emergency preparedness plan. Management has agreed to reach out to Mr. Christian Arsenault for clarification prior to signing.

Executive Session

At 17:55, the following resolution was proposed: RESOLVED, that the Commission move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, J. Reid and D. Shillo

Nays: None

At 18:03, the following resolution was proposed:

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

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, J. Reid and D. Shillo

Nays: None

Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 26, 2020 at 5:00 PM via Tele/Videoconference.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner A. Ahrens, seconded by Commissioner D. Shillo, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.