### Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District was held in the FI Community Center on **Wednesday**, **January 19**, **2011** at 4:30 PM.

Present were Commissioners: Brooks, duPont, Edwards and Rafferty. 6 members of the community attended.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 4:32 PM and exited at 4:40 PM.

Minutes of the meeting held on January 6, 2011 were reviewed, amended and approved. Moved by Commissioner duPont, Seconded by Commissioner Rafferty; Ayes all.

A listing of the outstanding obligations of the District was distributed to the Board for review and discussion. All invoices were declared to abide by the Procurement Policy. A resolution to pay the outstanding obligations of: **\$38,050.08** as represented by vouchers **#1289 through #1316,** dated February 1, 2011 was; Moved by Commissioner Edwards, Seconded by Commissioner duPont;

Vote of the Board of Commissioners:

Ayes: Commissioners: Brooks, duPont, Edwards and Rafferty. Nays: None

# Correspondence

- 1. A Year round request for Michael George was submitted and approved.
- 2. A Year round request for Marilyn Basini was submitted and approved.

## **Old Business**

- 1. The proposed Parking Policy for the New London Terminal was tabled for review from the Increased Revenue Committee. The Board would like to review the building permit to determine the number of allowable parking spaces. The Year round application will be reviewed next. The Board would like a copy of the list.
- 2. Preliminary 2010 financial numbers were distributed to the Board. The reports were generated from the new informational system provided by Southold Town.
- 3. The Silverstein Appraisal report was reviewed. The 3 questions submitted by the Board were sent to Mr. Silverstein for clarification.
- 4. A RP dry docking report was submitted by Captain Easter. The work is progressing slowly due to the very inclement weather of the past week.

- 5. A MOTION to hire Angela Moore as a part time deck hand, effective 1/19 was: MOVED by Commissioner Edwards; SECONDED by Commissioner Rafferty Vote of the Board: AYES; Brooks, duPont, Edwards and Rafferty.
- 6. The HR study is underway. Margot Larson has sent letters to the crew requesting interviews with anyone who so desires. She is also reviewing various policies and has already met with most of the management staff.
- 7. Attorney Knoblach has asked to remove himself from on going CT Excise Tax investigation. He claims that the Exemption letter is still forthcoming; however he cannot devote any further time to the project. The Board has decided to pay the latest Santa Buckley fuel oil bill in full and to also re-imburse Santa Buckley for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter Ct fuel excise tax of approximately \$13,000. CT excise tax totals for 2010 will be sent to Doherty, Beals & Banks for the proper rebate fillings.
- A MOTION to have Lamb & Barnowsky continue with the Voter Qualification study for the sum of \$5,500.00 was MOVED by Commissioner Rafferty; SECONDED by Commissioner duPont Vote of the Board: AYES; Brooks, duPont, Edwards and Rafferty.

## New Business

- 1. Captain Easter submitted an explanation of his hiring practices. The Board agreed with the procedures, but will await the new HR study for probable changes.
- 2. Possible future grants were discussed. The Board is awaiting further information regarding the Waterfront grant from Mark Terry of the Planning Board. Management will investigate the possibility of hiring a Grant Writer, who could watch and apply for any possible grants for the Ferry District benefit.
- 3. New leases have been received from Mike Heller at L&B. The leases are long and involved. Commissioner Rafferty has suggested edited leases and has sent them to L&B for their review and approval. Leases are both residential and commercial.
- 4. COLA raises for 2010 were tabled for the next meeting when various labor indexes will be supplied by some of the Commissioners and reviewed.
- 5. Ron Swaney of CCG has been contacted concerning the 2 very large piles of dirt in the long term parking area. He will remove them both in the spring as well as filling and grading some of the roads along the airport property.
- 6. Commissioner Edwards asked about "back up" boat and mail delivery plans. He would also like to see the reservation sign placed in the New London parking area.

## **Public Comment**

Sarah McLean asked if she could talk to the HR people and was told that the study is an "in house" study. Sarah also requested to have "Purell" dispensers installed on the boats. The board agreed with the request.

Gail Cypherd asked when the leases will be done and what the Board intentions are. She was told that the Board is trying to make the leases fair and equitable to all.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Thomas F. Doherty Manager/Secretary