

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
June 26, 2023

Chair Ahrens called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on June 26, 2023 at 4:00 PM at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.

Commissioners Heather Burnham, Tom Cashel, Jim Reid and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, Dave McCall, Jon Haney, Carol Murphy and Deanna Ross. Members of the public included Mrs. Louisa Evans and Mr. Charlie Wilmerding.

Chair Ahrens established that a quorum was present. Everyone in attendance pledged allegiance to the flag.

Correspondence/Public Comment - Mr. McCall and Mr. Cook reported that no correspondence was received. Town Justice and Town Board Member, Mrs. Louisa Evans reported that the New York State Troopers are threatening to pull out of Fishers Island. They are requesting a separate office from housing that would include offices, holding areas and a garage. In addition, they are requesting a back up officer in the winter months. Louisa is looking into possible solutions including the possibility of using the garage under the Ferry Office. Having the Town of Southold provide policing would be a huge financial burden to the TOS. In addition, Louisa reported that she and others would like to see the parade ground portion near the airport preserved. Louisa has spoken with a State Assembly person and Mr. Scott Russell regarding a 2% plan where the TOS would use the 2% fund to pay for the development rights and keep the area preserved. Discussion ensued. The Board is fundamentally in favor and has given Louisa permission to share with Scott Russell the possibility of use of the ferry garage for the State Troopers. The Board would like to discuss the parade grounds with members of the Conservancy and have a long range property plan prior to any decision regarding the parade grounds. Commissioner Reid asked Louisa if she has heard anything regarding the USCG Station. Louisa reported that the process seems to have changed. It will go to the GSA and once appraised, the GSA would offer it in an auction. Mr. Cook reported that he believes the property has been appraised but there is no timeline when it goes up for auction.

Management Reports

Boat Update - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. Fire training was held with the Fishers Island Fire Department last Tuesday. Mr. Haney reported that a new policy will require that hybrids and electric vehicles be placed on the stern as much as possible. A fire blanket was purchased. Commissioner Cashel reported that if the steel is ever heated up to 1,000 degrees, the boat would be condemned. Mr. Haney reported that he is working with Rod to get some turnout gear for the crew and there will be more formalized training in the future. Mr. Cook reported that they will be receiving guidance from the PVA as well.

Mr. Haney reported that the boats have been busy in preparation for the holiday weekend. There is still a need for a ticketing agent and deck hands. The new ticketing system is improving every week. A few charters for Silver Eel were picked up this week. And a few coming up in July and August for Race Point and Munnatawket. The Fireworks Cruise is scheduled for July 8, 2023.

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Insurance/Freight Building - Mr. Charlie Wilmerding gave an update regarding an insurance proposal from Altus for the freight building that now house six Walsh Park apartments. Mr. Wilmerding reported that Insurers are reluctant to insure properties on Fishers Island for various reasons. When Walsh Park and the Ferry District collaborated for the building of the apartments above the freight building, it became unclear as to who was responsible for the insurance on the building. The current insurance on the building was insufficient. An appraisal was done on the building and came it at 4.8 million. This is not market value but replacement value. The total cost of the premium is just under \$55,000 per year. Mr. Wilmerding is recommending that the Ferry District split the premium with Walsh Park. In the event of a loss, both parties would have to endorse the check. Coverage is for fire and water damage and wind and hail damage. The policy does not cover flood damage. Flood insurance is only provided through the federal government and coverage is capped at \$250,000. Mr. Wilmerding has offered to work with management to review other property insurances.

Minutes

Resolution 2023-102

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the following minutes: May 15, 2023

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel
Seconded by: Commissioner Reid
Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel, Reid and Shillo
Nays: None

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2023 – 103

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated June 26, 2023, in the amount of \$70,079.36.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham
Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo
Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel, Reid and Shillo

Airport Improvement

RESOLUTION 2023-104

Whereas the 2023 Airport Capital Improvement Program (“ACIP”) has been approved;
and

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Whereas the Ferry District has been requested by the Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) to move a Recommendation of Award package to progress the RW 12-30 Rehab - Phase 1 grant application for Elizabeth Field Airport. Additionally, the FAA has requested a request for FAA concurrence to award.

WHEREAS the Town of Southold received a bid for the project on May 9, 2023 from B&W Paving & Landscaping, LLC in the amount of \$1,305,670; and

WHEREAS the bid was reviewed for conformity by C&S Engineers, Inc. and found to be acceptable, and a Recommendation of Award was made; and

WHEREAS C&S Engineers, Inc. has submitted a Construction Oversight Services fee proposal in the amount of \$190,600, which was reviewed and found to be reasonable based upon a third party review ; and

WHEREAS in order to solicit for federal AIP funding for the construction and associated construction oversight services, a formal FAA grant application is required; and

THEREFORE it is RESOLVED to approve submission of the formal FAA grant application for federal funding to complete the RW 12-30 Rehab - Phase 1 (Construction) project in the amount of \$1,499,030, which will be 90% funded by the FAA, 5% funded by NYS DOT, and 5% funded by Town of Southold/Ferry District; and

Now, therefore be it RESOLVED that the BOC of the FIFD approves the Award of contract to B&W Paving & Landscaping, LLC, authorizes submission of the FY23 FAA grant application, and accepts the grant upon offer by FAA, subject to the review of the Town Attorney and District Counsel.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo
Seconded by: Commissioner Reid
Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel, Reid and Shillo
Nays: None

HR

RESOLUTION 2023-105

It is RESOLVED to RESCIND 2023-95

HR Summer Seasonal

RESOLUTION 2023 - 095

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional full-time Laborers (FIFD) during the peak season between May 15, 2023 and September 17, 2023 and

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It is further RESOLVED to temporarily appoint with effect May 15, 2023 Michael Barnwell from part-time to full-time summer seasonal status. On September 17, 2023, Mr. Barnwell will terminate his summer seasonal position and on September 18, 2023 be re-appointed to part-time Deckhand (FIFD).

*Moved by: Commissioner Cashel
Seconded by: Commissioner Reid
Ayes: Ahrens, Cashel, Reid and Shillo
Nays: None*

And REPLACE with

HR Summer Seasonal

RESOLUTION 2023 - 000

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It is further RESOLVED to temporarily appoint with effect May 15, 2023 Michael Barnwell from part-time to full-time summer seasonal status. On September 17, 2023, Mr. Barnwell will terminate his summer seasonal position and on September 18, 2023 be re-appointed to part-time Laborer (FIFD).

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo
Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel
Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel, Reid and Shillo
Nays: None

Financials - Ms. Carol Murphy updated the BOC. Financials are status quo and nothing is standing out as problematic. Ms. Murphy reported that when the Ferry moved over to the new ticketing system with Anchor, they also switched the credit card processing company from Authorized Net to Strike. After 12 days of operation, Strike has put the Ferry under credit review which will take approximately 7 days to complete. All the funds that are collected from credit card transactions are on suspension for 7 days. Right now the balance is about \$44,000.

Ticketing Update - Mr Cook updated the BOC. Management is working through issues. Karina and Geb have both been very involved and having daily calls with Anchor with updates or fixes.

Executive Session

At 17:27 it was RESOLVED, that the Commission move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

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

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At 17:31 it was RESOLVED that the Commission exit from Executive Session and resume Public Session.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo
Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, T. Cashel, J. Reid and D. Shillo
Nays: None

HR/BONUS

RESOLUTION 2023-106

Whereas the Fishers Island Ferry District Board of Commissioners wishes to show its appreciation to its employees for extraordinary service; and

Whereas the Ferry District employs Captains, Deckhands, Cashiers, Freight Agents, Accounting Staff and Supervisory Personal; and

Therefore, it is RESOLVED to award a one time \$5,000- bonus payment to Karina Curbelo in appreciation of her hard work, professionalism and dedication to the Fishers Island Ferry District for her work towards integrating and implementing a new ticketing system this Spring.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham
Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo
Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel, Reid and Shillo
Nays: None

Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 10, 2023, at 4:00 PM at the Community Center and via Zoom.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner T. Cashel, seconded by Commissioner D. Shillo, the meeting was adjourned at 5:32 pm.