

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
August 7, 2023

Chair Cashel called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on August 7, 2023 at 4:00 PM at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.

Commissioners Ace Ahrens, Heather Burnham, Jim Reid and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, Dave McCall, Jon Haney and Deanna Ross. There were no members of the public present.

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

Correspondence/Public Comment - Mr. McCall reported that he received correspondence from Mr. John Bergquist and Ms. Diane Dexter requesting medical fare abatement. Both will provide the BOC with more specifics prior to approval. Mr. McCall stated that he has updated the medical travel list.

Ms. Courtney Allan spoke with Mr. McCall regarding placing a speed bump at the stop sign on Hound Lane. Cortney is working with FIDCO regarding this matter. Management and the BOC is supportive of slowing people down and making a safer environment for the area.

Mr. McCall reported that he received a text from Ms. Michele Klimczak asking if Walsh Park residents could build a barbecue area in the front of the freight shed, closer to the area that BD rents. Discussion ensued. Mr. Cook reported that he responded to Michele stating that this is TOS property and she would have to go to Walsh Park first and then Walsh Park would need to approach the BOC.

Minutes

Resolution 2023-119

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the following minutes: June 26, 2023 and July 10, 2023

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

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2023 –120

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated August 7, 2023, in the amount of \$119,905.61

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

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Budget Mod

RESOLUTION 2023-121

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District Hereby amends the **2023** Fishers Island Ferry District budget as follows:

Increase Appropriations:

SM5710.2.000.300	Repairs: Silver Eel	\$ 5,000.00
SM1910.4.000.300	Workers Comp Insurance	\$ 4,000.00
SM5710.4.400.100	Marine Engineering	\$ 10,000.00
		\$
		\$
Total		\$ 19,000.00

Decrease Appropriations:

SM5710.4.000.300	Ferry Ops: Fuel Oil	\$ 19,000.00
		\$
		\$
Total		\$ 19,000.00

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

Hay Harbor Softball Transportation

RESOLUTION 2023 - 122

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the special use of the ferry to transport Ferry District employees from New London to Fishers Island and back for the purpose of the annual softball match between Hay Harbor Club and the Ferry District on Wednesday, August 9, 2023.

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

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Nays: None

Property Management

RESOLUTION 2023 – 123

250 Airport Road – Short-term lease

WHEREAS, the Fishers Island Ferry District (“FD”) wishes to lease 250 Airport Road for the period September 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 to Skyline Custom Carpentry, Inc.; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the FD authorizes management to execute the Lease Agreement with Skyline Custom carpentry, Inc.. for a term of September 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 for the amount of \$262.00 a month, with a security deposit of \$524.00, subject to the approval of District Counsel and the Town Attorney.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel, Reid and Shillo,

Nays: None

Insurance

RESOLUTION 2023- 124

Whereas Hilb Group reviewed the current policies with several underwriters for each insurance category.

It is therefore, RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorizes Mr. Cook to execute all policies with Great American Insurance Co., Manufacturers Alliance Insurance Co. and American Longshore Mutual and any ancillary documents necessary to renew the Fishers Island Ferry District’s 2023-2024 Property /Liability/Marine/Workers Compensation insurance package, administered by Hilb Group.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

Ayes: Ahrens, Reid, Burnham, Cashel, and Shillo

Nays: None

Insurance coverage 544 Hound Lane – Freight Building

Resolution 2023 – 125

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WHEREAS, the Town of Southold (Landlord) and Walsh Park Benevolent Corporation (Tenant) have a lease agreement dated August 27, 2018, for property at 544 Hound Lane, Fishers Island, New York (aka. The Freight Building).

WHEREAS, Walsh Park Benevolent Corporation and the Fishers Island Ferry District, as agent for the landlord, have agreed to modify their respective obligations to each provide fire and extended coverage insurance policies pursuant to paragraphs 17(A) and 17(B) of the lease.

AND specifically, the Fishers Island Ferry District and Tenant which has been procured by Altus Partners, and insurance consultant retained to represent both Landlord and Tenants interest in the Lease.

Therefore, the Fishers Island Ferry District agree to allocate payment of the costs of the insurance premium, Altus' consulting fee and any deductible expense associated with this policy to be shared 60% by Tenant and 40% by landlord subject to review by District Council.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

Ayes: Ahrens, Reid, Burnham, Cashel, and Shillo

Nays: None

Trooper House & 357 Whistler Ave House - Discussion ensued regarding renovations of the Trooper House and 357 Whistler Ave House. Mr. McCall reported that nothing has begun regarding the Trooper House. The RFP is almost ready to go out for 357 Whistler Ave for work to begin in September/October 2023.

Longevity

RESOLUTION 2023 – 126

WHEREAS the Fishers Island Ferry District policy as described in the Employee Handbook and the CSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement grants a 2% longevity increase to wages when an individual has been employed by the Fishers Island Ferry District for ten (10) years; and,

WHEREAS Employee 34899 has met that requirement;

Now therefore be it RESOLVED that Employee 34899 wages be increased from \$31.21 to \$31.82 per hour, effective August 15, 2023.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham

Ayes: Ahrens, Cashel, Burnham, Reid, and Shillo

Nays: None

Election Inspectors

RESOLUTION 2023- 127

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The Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Meredith Doyen and Deanna Ross to be Election Inspectors for the August 08th Fishers Island Ferry District Board of Commissioners election at a rate of \$20.00 per hour.

Moved by: Commissioner

Seconded by: Commissioner

Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel, Reid and Shillo

Nays: None

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Management Reports

Boats Update - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. Race Point had an issue with one of the components of the steering pump yesterday. It was narrowed down to a single component. Pump 2 has been running fine. Dockside Electronics technician will be arriving tomorrow to help troubleshoot. There was no interruption to service.

The Town trip on Munnatawket was held last Wednesday and went very well. Mr. Haney has been in touch with the naval architects regarding the possibility of putting new generators in the Munnatawket. Prior to moving any further, Mr. Haney will determine if the generators are still available. If so, Mr. Haney would like to move forward so this can be part of the yard package this winter.

There have been a number of charters on the Silver Eel including an eel grass charter and a museum charter. Then annual USCG Inspection of Silver Eel will take place this Wednesday. Silver Eel will be running through September 30, 2023. The BOC has asked management for a detailed analysis of the Silver Eel after this season.

The Big Club Charter is scheduled for next week.

Mr. Haney reported that he has drafted a Fall schedule. He will send out to the BOC.

A joint meeting will be held with the Ferry Crew and the Fishers Island Fire Department on September 26, 2023. Mr. Haney reported that some fire turnout gear was received in the event of a fire on the boats. Mr. Haney stated that he is very interested in a fire suppression system on a new boat and that conversation will continue. Discussion ensued regarding fire training, breathing apparatus' and the responsibilities of the crew. Mr. Haney feels there certainly is interest among some of the crew members to participate in more advanced training.

Summer Seasonal workers will be going back to school soon. There will be a need for a stager when school is back in session.

Elliot Bay - Discussion ensued regarding the dissemination of information from the report to the community. Mr. Cook will reach out to John Waterhouse to see if he could do another presentation (either in person or via zoom) in September or no later than Columbus weekend in October.

Grant Request - Mr. Cook reported that the Ferry District submitted a grant request for a port infrastructure development program for 12.8 Million. The District's share would be \$3 Million. Mr. Cook needs to respond in 3 days stating whether or not the District could support the additional \$3 million in funding. Mr. Cook will reach out to the TOS for guidance. This is no guarantee of receiving the grant. Mr. Cook will keep the BOC posted.

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Executive Session - No Executive Session needed at this time.

Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 18, 2023, at 4:30 PM, with a Budget Hearing at 5:00 PM at the Community Center and via Zoom.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner A. Ahrens, seconded by Commissioner J. Reid, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.