

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Fishers Island Ferry District  
August 18, 2023

Chair Shillo called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on August 18, 2023 at 4:30 PM at the Island Community Center and via Zoom. A Budget Hearing will take place at 5:00 PM.

Commissioners Ace Ahrens, Tom Cashel, and Jim Reid were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, Dave McCall, Carol Murphy and Deanna Ross. Commissioner Burnham was absent. Members of the public included Ken Edwards, Sr., Gordon Murphy, Ellen Harvey, Staley Sednaoui, Jane Crary, Chip duPont, Peter & Jan Burr, Brad Burnham, Steven Cook and Auditor John Costillo.

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

**Correspondence/Public Comment** - Mr. McCall welcomed all in attendance. Mr. McCall received a letter from Hay Harbor requesting the use of the ferry house located at 357 Whistler for an additional season if possible. The BOC will consider the request.

**Public Comment** - Mr. Chip duPont commented that the schedule has become too random and changes way too often and is inconsistent. In addition, he expressed his dislike of the new ticketing system and finds multiple problems with it. He prefers paper tickets; however, the paper that is used with the current system is heat sensitive.

With regards to the new ferry boat survey, Mr. duPont implores the BOC and management to not consider a double ended boat as it would be too unstable.

Mr. duPont would like to make a formal complaint regarding a Silver Eel captain who accused him of cutting him off and ramming him. Mr. duPont stated he was ahead of the Silver Eel and the allegations are completely false.

Chair Shillo thanked Mr. duPont for his comments and informed him that the BOC would take his comments into consideration.

## **Minutes**

### **Resolution 2023-129**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the following minutes: July 24, 2023 and August 7, 2023

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

## **Warrant**

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**RESOLUTION 2023 –130**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated August 21, 2023, in the amount of \$222,989.38.

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

**RESOLUTION 2023- 131**

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:**

SM1910.4.000.100	General Insurance	\$ 40,000.00
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 40,000.00</b>

**Decrease Appropriations:**

SM5710.4.000.300	Ferry Ops: Fuel Oil	\$ 40,000.00
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 40,000.00</b>

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

**HR**

**Resolution 2023 - 132**

BE IT RESOLVED that, effective July 14, 2023 , Employee 80427 is terminated.

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

**HR**

**Resolution 2023 - 133**

BE IT RESOLVED that, effective August 8, 2023, Employee 44358 is terminated.

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

**HR**

**Resolution 2023-134**

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Deckhands (FIFD);

Therefore it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect August 30th, 2023, Joel French as a part-time Deckhand (FIFD) at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.

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

**Executive Session** - No Executive Session needed at this time.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner J. Reid, seconded by Commissioner A. Ahrens, the meeting was adjourned at 4:41 pm.

**2023 Budget Hearing**

**Resolution 2023-135**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby opens a public hearing on the 2023 draft budget at 4:56 PM.

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

An audit review was presented by Mr. John Costillo from EFPR Group.

**Resolution 2023-136**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby closes the public hearing on the 2023 budget and re-enters general session at 5:43 PM.

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

**Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 4:00 PM, at the Community Center and via Zoom.**

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