

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

Chair Cashel called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on September 18, 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 an email was received from Tara Scott regarding the abrupt cancellation of the Silver Eel service. Resident applications were received from Mr. Tom Ahlgren and Mr. Alex Vega. Mr. McCall will follow up. Medical fare abatement requests were received from Ms. Diane Dexter, Mr. Bill Bloethe and Ms. Deanna Ross. There was no public comment.

Management Reports

Boats Update - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. Race Point will be being used for the next 6-8 weeks while the new dolphins and pilings are being replaced. Only one dock will be in use during this time. Munna-tawket will only be used for the charter runs and has been moved to a maintenance slip. Munnatawket yard package is almost complete.

Silver Eel was hauled out to Fort Rachel Marina. Silver Eel was having issues with the star-board engine and crew was unable to maintain high RPMs and decreasing speed from 20 knots down to 14 knots. No parts are available as of yet.

Mr. Haney reported that he made the best decision to cancel boats due to the potential hurricane on Thursday morning with the information he had at the time. Despite the change in weather, management held to the cancellations to avoid any confusion. Discussion ensued. Moving forward, Mr. Haney stated that he would be comfortable making decisions no less than 18 hours beforehand and will give warnings of pending cancellations 24-36 hours ahead of time.

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2023 -143

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated September 18, 2023, in the amount of \$79,019.06.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel, Reid and Shillo

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HR - RESIGNATION

RESOLUTION 2023 – 144

WHEREAS Employee #28425 has resigned from her position as Full-Time Account Clerk Typist (FIFD) effective September 15, 2023; and

WHEREAS employee #28425 is owed additional compensation of \$432.60 for vacation days,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accepts the resignation of Employee #28425 with effect September 15, 2023.

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel, Reid and Shillo

Nays: None

MUNNATAWKET GENERATOR REPLACEMENT AWARD

RESOLUTION 2023-145

Whereas two new generators are required for the M/V Munnatawket; and

Whereas a Request for Proposals was issued and advertised in a widely circulated publication; and

Whereas one proposal was received, the proposal conforms to the published specifications, the pricing is acceptable to management, and management recommends accepting the proposal from R.A. Mitchell, Inc; and

Now therefore it is Resolved that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District accepts the bid from R.A. Mitchell for \$45,875.00; and

It is further Resolved to authorize management to execute contract and ancillary documents for this purchase subject to review by District counsel.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel, Reid and Shillo

Nays: None

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Financials - Mr. Cook reviewed financials over a 4 year comparison. January through August 2023, ferry operations are 80% of budget. Fiscal year 2023, January through August, Net income is \$951,000 vs \$517,000 in 2022. Payroll is up about 9% year over year. The BOC will revisit the wage ladder at the end of this year.

Other

Silver Eel Summary - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. Ms. Carol Murphy will be putting together a complete analysis in the future. Mr. Cook looked at the operating revenue over the last 4 years. Overall, the district is in the red by \$17,000 over the last 4 years. This does not include the cost of operating the boat or payroll. Discussion ensued regarding the future of Silver Eel. The BOC has agreed to a working session to discuss the Silver Eel after Ms. Murphy completes her full analysis.

Elliot Bay Design Group Fall Meeting - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. In moving forward with a new boat, design is the next step and an RFP would be needed for that. The BOC has requested a public meeting with a representative from Elliot Bay Design Group over Columbus weekend. Mr. Cook will arrange.

Fishers Island Seagrass Management Letter - Discussion ensued regarding a letter that circulated from FISM Coalition. The letter listed stakeholders without their knowledge. Management and the BOC were unaware of the letter prior to its disbursement. Commissioner Cashel will respond to the letter.

Hay Harbor Club Golf Sand - Mr. McCall reported that Alex Williams is the new groundskeeper at the Hay Harbor Golf course. Mr. Williams is asking permission to create a small path near the sand pile at the corner near south beach. This would allow him to get a trailer in there to move the sand where it is needed on the course. Mr. Cook and Mr. McCall will take a first pass with the ferry's mower that has a brush hog on it to see how it looks before making a decision.

Anchor Ticketing System - Discussion ensued regarding the ongoing issues with the new ticketing system. An Anchor representative will be coming out for 3 days to address some of these issues.

Executive Session - No Executive Session needed at this time.

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Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 2, 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 H. Burnham, seconded by Commissioner D. Shillo, the meeting was adjourned at 5:24 pm.