

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
October 2, 2023

Chair Cashel called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on October 2, 2023 at 4:00 PM at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.

Commissioners Ace Ahrens, Heather Burnham, and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook and Dave McCall. Commissioner Reid and Jon Haney arrived at 4:26 pm. Secretary Dee Ross was absent. 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 he received medical fare abatement requests from Mr. Bill Bloethe, and Mrs. Marj Beck. All medical fare abatements require written requests prior to authorization from the BOC. No retro abatements will be approved. Correspondence was received from Dave Pollack requesting if the 3:30 PM Saturday boat on October 28, 2023 could be pushed back to 4:00 PM to accommodate the cross country team and the Halloween festivities at the Theater that night. Mr. Haney reported to Mr. McCall that he didn't see a problem with it. The BOC agrees. Mr. McCall will make sure the change in schedule is communicated in advance. Correspondence was received from Mrs. Mere Doyen regarding the change in the fall shoulder schedule and its impact on residents who have made doctors appointments months in advance. Discussion ensued regarding the current model and to keep it that way but let people know in advance so they can plan accordingly. Finally, correspondence was received from Ms. Lilly Starbuck expressing her interest in the Ferry house should it ever become available for year round rental.

There was no public comment.

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2023 –146

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated October 2, 2023, in the amount of \$64,003.60.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel and Shillo

RESOLUTION 2023-147

10.02.2023

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:

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SM1910.4.000.300	Workers Comp Insurance	\$ 6,000.00
SM1980.4.000.000	MTA Tax	\$ 1,700.00
SM9060.8.000.000	Medical Insurance	\$ 50,000.00
SM5710.4.000.900	Bank & CC Fees	\$ 25,000.00
SM5710.4.000.100	Utilities-NL	\$ 10,000.00
		\$ _____
Total		\$ 92,700.00

Decrease Appropriations:

SM5610.2.000.000	Airport Cap Ex	\$ 22,700.00
SM1420.4.000.000	Legal Fees	\$ 15,000.00
SM9010.8.000.000	NY Retirement	\$ 55,000.00
		\$ _____
Total		\$ 92,700.00

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

Bathroom/Kitchen Renovation Award

RESOLUTION 2023-148

WHEREAS the Fishers Island Ferry District ("FIFD") desires to renovate the bathrooms, kitchen and floors in the Town of Southold building at 357 Whistler Avenue; and

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

WHEREAS, the FIFD has sent out an RFP and requested quotes from various contractors related to the renovation of bathrooms, kitchen and floors at 357 Whistler Avenue; and

WHEREAS the two bids were opened on September 23, 2023 by the Island Manager in the presence of Andrew Ahrens, Commissioner of the FI Ferry District for the renovation work, and the winning bid of \$147,000.00- for the work contained a signed non-collusive bid certificate and the contractor is able to complete work in an acceptable time frame for the District.

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the FIFD hereby accepts the proposal of Skyline Custom Carpentry Inc., dated September 12, 2023, for the renovation of the bathrooms, kitchen and floors at 357 Whistler Avenue Fishers Island, NY subject to the approval of the Town Attorney.

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

Discussion ensued regarding the future use of the Ferry house located at 357 Whistler Ave. The renovations were higher than expected.

On motion made by H. Burnham, seconded by D. Shillo, the BOC agrees to rent 357 Whistler Ave. to Hay Harbor for the Summer of 2024, subject to the renovations being completed by then and effective September 1, 2024, the house would be put on the market for year round housing. Motion carried.

Management Reports

Boats Update - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. Race Point will continue doing the runs through Columbus Day. The boat will go off line, most likely the first two weeks of November, to work on the boat and replace a heated window and some other maintenance items before Munnatawket goes to the shipyard in January 2024. Currently, Munnatawket is just being used for cargo runs. Munnatawket has been at the maintenance bulkhead while the dolphins are being replaced. Mr. Haney will check on the timeline when the work is expected to be completed. Last he heard was mid November.

Silver Eel has been hauled out to Fort Rachel. Parts are on order.

August traffic was pretty good, aside from the commercial traffic. Columbus Day holiday will be a two boat schedule. The winter schedule is out. Mr. Haney and the BOC hope to run the same schedule for next year because it worked better. The goal would be to keep the same schedule each year and then people could plan better for doctors appointments, etc that may be made 6 months in advance. The fuel boat prior to Thanksgiving is once again moved to Tuesday instead of Wednesday to accommodate more passengers that day.

Crew training with the FI Fire Department took place and was well received. Mr. Haney reported that the training opened up a lot of questions that need to be answered. Commissioner Ahrens sends out his appreciation for the 17 crew members that came over for the training. He reported that the Fire Department has lent the Ferry District 2 turnout gear packs. Commissioner's Ahrens and Cashel believe there should be 2 packs on each boat. The entire gear set can cost up to \$5,000 each. The BOC believes this is a worthy cost. Currently there is no fire suppression system in the engine rooms but it does have an A60 rating which allows for a burn time of 60 minutes before it starts to enter other areas of the boat. Mr. Haney will get information about the system the Cross Sound recently installed in one of their boats. Mr. Haney reported that there is expressed interest in some crew members for fire fighter safety classes.

The Student safety orientation is scheduled for this coming Wednesday.

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The yard package for Munnatawket is complete and just waiting for a couple final drawings from the naval architects. The yard package is expected to be 6 weeks.

Funds were secured for the Port Security Grant and the projects can be started. Mr. Cook reported that this includes new lights on the Fishers Island dock and new radios and base stations at the terminal.

Mr. Haney and Mr. Cook had a meeting last week with the New London Maritime Society who have expressed interest in using the Silver Eel for some of their tours in the summer. They are predicting between 30 to 40 trips in the summer. Discussion ensued regarding the future

of the Silver Eel. Mr. Cook reported that the analysis the Carol Murphy is doing is almost complete and he will provide to the BOC for the next meeting.

Snow Removal

RESOLUTION 2023 – 149

Whereas the District's New London terminal requires annual snow clearing and removal services, Management has utilized Hayes Services, LLC since November 1, 2020 from the quotes received based upon pricing, reputation and lowest responsible quote.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District wishes to extend for one year the Hayes Services, LLC contract at the 2020 pricing for the winter seasons starting November 1, 2023 and ending April 1, 2024 in the amount of

\$5,800.00, instructs management to execute the contract upon review of counsel authorizes management to pay invoices when properly invoiced and approved.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

Ayes: Cashel, Ahrens, Burnham, Reid and Shillo

Nays: None

Settlement

RESOLUTION 2023-150

WHEREAS the District was presented with a claim by John Doucette for the sum of \$1,000- as reimbursement damage to his vehicle which resulted from the error of District Staff; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District has determined that it is in the best interest of the District to resolve this claim to avoid the expense and uncertainties of litigation; and

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RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District approves the settlement of this claim, and directs management to make payment of the settlement amount of \$1,000.00 subject to the approval of District counsel and the Southold Town Attorney.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

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

Nays: None

Cynthia Collins Settlement

RESOLUTION 2023-151

WHEREAS, the District was presented with a claim by Cynthia Collins for the sum of \$49.45 as reimbursement for a lost parcel;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District has determined that it is in the best interests of the District to resolve this claim to avoid the expense and uncertainties of litigation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District approves the settlement of this claim, and directs management to make payment of the settlement amount of \$49.95 subject to the approval of District Counsel and the Southold Town Attorney.

Moved by: Reid

Seconded by: Shillo

Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel, Reid and Shillo

Nays: None

Other - Mr. Cook reported that Mr. Toldo brought over a water holding tank on the ferry and is planning on creating a mini batch concrete plant on the ferry property that he rents behind the freight building. In addition he plans to build a roof structure on the property. Discussion ensued. The BOC agrees that the space is for dry storage only and no structure would be permitted.

Elliot Bay Meeting Presentation

RESOLUTION 2023-152

WHEREAS, Elliot Bay Design Group (EBDG) was contracted and has completed a Fleet Assessment Report for the Fishers Island Ferry District and the Fishers Island Ferry Board of Commissioners (BOC).

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WHEREAS, the BOC has requested EBDG to participate in a virtual meeting to present and discuss the Fleet Assessment Report in a public forum. The requested meeting participation is outside the original agreed upon scope of work.

Now therefore, be it RESOLVED that the BOC accepts the September 30, 2023 proposal from EBDG for \$1,750.00 to present at a public meeting scheduled for October 6, 2023

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel, Reid and Shillo

Nays: None

Executive Session

At 17:24 it was RESOLVED, that the Commission move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing safety matters.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, T. Cashel, J. Reid and D. Shillo

Nays: None

At 17:35 it was RESOLVED that the Commission exit from Executive Session and resume Public Session.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, T. Cashel, J. Reid and D. Shillo

Nays: None

Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 16, 2023, at 11 AM, at the Fishers Island Ferry Office 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 5:40 pm.