

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

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

Commissioners Ace Ahrens, Heather Burnham, Tom Cashel and Jim Reid were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, Dave McCall, Jon Haney and Deanna Ross. No members of the public were present.

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

Correspondence/Public Comment - Mr. McCall received correspondence from Karla Heath and Deanna Ross requesting medical fare abatement. The BOC approves. There was no public comment.

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2023 – 034

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated March 7, 2023, in the amount of \$67,356.74

Moved by: Commissioner Reid

Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham

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

Nays: None

BUDGET MODIFICATION

RESOLUTION 2023-035

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District Hereby amends the **2022** Fishers Island Ferry District budget as follows:

Increase Appropriations:

SM5610.2.000.000	Airport Capital Expenditure		\$ 7,000.00
SM5710.4.000.000	Ferry Operations: Other/Misc	\$	550.68
			\$
			\$
			\$
Total			\$ 7,550.68

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Decrease Appropriations:

SM5709.2.000.200	Docks & Terminals	\$ 7,550.68
		\$
		\$
Total		\$ 7,550.68

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

Rescind

RESOLUTION 2023-036

HR/Longevity

RESOLUTION 2023 – 024

WHEREAS the Fishers Island Ferry District policy as described in the Employee Handbook grants a 1% longevity increase to wages when an individual has been employed by the Fishers Island Ferry District for ten years; and,

It is RESOLVED to note that with effect February 28, 2023, employee 47961 hourly wage be increased by 1% to \$26.26 per hour.

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

HR/Longevity

RESOLUTION 2023 – 037

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

It is RESOLVED to note that with effect February 28, 2023, employee 47961 hourly wage be increased by 2% to \$26.52 per hour.

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

Conservancy

RESOLUTION 2023 - 038

WHEREAS, the Ferry District manages the airport and parade ground lands and has previously contracted with the Fishers Island Conservancy, Inc. to maintain trails and develop the grasslands within this area; and

WHEREAS, the Fishers Island Conservancy, Inc. has again agreed to provide these services for the period 2018 through 2023 as an independent contractor, at no cost to the FIFD or the Town of Southold, and

WHEREAS, the Fishers Island Conservancy, Inc. has provided a 2023 Grasslands Management Plan to the BOC detailing the services to be provided in 2023.

It is further RESOLVED to approve the Fishers Island Conservancy, Inc.'s 2023 Grasslands Management Plan (the "Plan") and authorizes the Fishers Island Conservancy, Inc. to execute such plan.

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

RESOLUTION 2023-039

Training

WHEREAS the Fishers Island Ferry District Management and its Board of Commissioners encourages our Captains and Deckhands to consider specialized training to enhance their knowledge of Vessel handling and operation,

WHEREAS, Northeast Maritime Academy at Fairhaven, MA offers Radar Observer Unlimited Course Training.

THEREFORE, Management recommends that Josh Henry attend a 5 day Radar Observer class from March 13 – 17 which includes tuition and transportation at a cost not to exceed \$1850.00 from the Training budget line.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

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Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

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

Nays: None

Commissioner Cashel reported that on March 31 & April 1, 2023, the FIFD Sea Stretcher is having an instructor come from the Annapolis School of Seamanship to do a weekend of chart plotting and dead reckoning. Ferry crew members are welcome to join. Mr. Cook reported that he spoke with Rod at the Fire Department regarding a fire drill on Munnatawket.

Management Reports

Race Point Update - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. Race Point should be ready to come out of the shipyard on March 17, 2023. Since last meeting, some steel work needed to be done around the tanks which may have caused a little delay. Mr. Haney will be visiting the shipyard tomorrow and have a more accurate timeline. Windows are currently being installed. Mr. Haney reported that they are trying to get all the painting done before the boat comes back but if not, the boat would still be available for commercial charters. Once the boat goes back in the water, the USCG will need to spend a day to complete inspection. One of the inflatable life rafts got condemned and will need replaced at a cost of \$11,000.

Munnatawket Update - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. After performing general maintenance, it has been noted that the generators are the weak link. There are two generators and a loss of one generator would prevent the boat from sailing. Parts are hard to come by and lead time for new generators is a year. The plan is to replace the generators at the next yard period.

Silver Eel - As soon as Race Point is back, the focus will be on getting Silver Eel ready to go back in the water in April. Commissioner Burnham reminded management that golf opens in early May so to get the word out regarding golf charters.

Spring Schedule - Mr. Haney shared 3 versions of a potential spring schedule which will run from April 5, 2023 through June 14, 2023 and also include a special schedule for Memorial Day weekend. In addition, two versions of the Summer schedule were shared. One that would include a designated freight boat and one without a designated freight boat. The BOC reviewed and discussion ensued.

Other - Commissioner Cashel initiated a dialogue regarding a future opportunity for a longer lease at the ferry house on Whistler Ave and the possibility of development on the property to the left of airport road.

Mr. Cook reported he received a letter from Lighthouse Works expressing interest in the USCG house should it become available. In addition, a letter was received from Mr. Andrew Benkard from Friends of the Fishers Island Theater asking for an extension of the Letter of Intent for three months until the end of May 2023. The BOC approves of the extension.

Executive Session

At 16:56, the following resolution was proposed: RESOLVED, that the Commission move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

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

At 17:48, the following resolution was proposed:

RESOLVED, That the Commission exit from Executive Session and resume Public Session.

Moved by: Commissioner A. Ahrens
Seconded by: Commissioner T. Cashel

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

Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 20, 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 J. Reid, the meeting was adjourned at 5:49 pm.