

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Fishers Island Ferry District  
April 17, 2023

Chair Ahrens called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on April 17, 2023 at 4:00 PM at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.

Commissioners Heather Burnham, Tom Cashel, Jim Reid and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, Dave McCall and Jon Haney. Members of the Public included Nate Malinowski.

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

**Correspondence/Public Comment** - Mr. Cook reported that no correspondence was received. Mr. Nate Malinowski presented Lighthouse Work's proposal for this year's public art commission. Discussion ensued regarding the current condition of the slab that the art sits on and the possibility of restoring the slab back to its original size. The corner of the slab will be repaired for this year's installation. The BOC has given Mr. Malinowski permission to reach out to the TOS building inspector to inquire whether permitting would be require

### **Minutes**

#### **Resolution 2023-059**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the following minutes: March 07, 2023

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

### **Warrant**

#### **RESOLUTION 2023 – 060**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated April 17, 2023, in the amount of \$88,250.10

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

### **BUDGET MODIFICATION**

#### **RESOLUTION 2023-061**

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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:**

SM5710.4.400.100	Marine Engineering	\$	50,000.00
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
<b>Total</b>		\$	<b>50,000.00</b>

**Decrease Appropriations:**

SM5709.2.000.200	Docks & Terminals	\$	50,000.00
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
<b>Total</b>		\$	<b>50,000.00</b>

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

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION 2023-062

WHEREAS, the FIFD requires a naval architect to prepare drawings for the installation of replacement generators for the M/V Munnatawket.

WHEREAS, the FIFD has identified JMS Naval Architects of Mystic, CT to prepare such drawings.

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District has determined that JMS Naval Architects has a GSA contract as per references is well qualified to provide efficient and expeditious professional services; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the BOC waives the requirement of a second quote in Guideline 8 of the FIFD Procurement Policy; and be it further

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RESOLVED that the BOC of the FIFD hereby ratifies and approves JMS Naval Architects for Naval Architecture Professional Services.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel, Reid and Shillo

Nays: none

SKI Construction

RESOLUTION 2023-063

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Purchasing Policy of the Fishers Island Ferry District, the Board of Commissioners is permitted to use sole source procurement where there is only one vendor or source reasonably available and where the compatibility of equipment, components, accessories, replacement parts or service is the paramount consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Board is permitted to use sole source procurement where competitive solicitation is impractical, disadvantageous or unreasonable under the circumstances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED to establish Ski Construction as a sole source provider to the Ferry District for road and surface maintenance and grading.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Reid and Shillo

Nays: None

**Financials** - Mr. Cook reviewed 1st Quarter financials with the BOC, as well as, P&L statements over the last four years. Discussion ensued regarding the financials.

**Ticketing** - Mr. Cook reported that the new ticketing system will be in place on May 15, 2023. The fuel surcharge will be removed at that time. New rates will be approved at the next BOC meeting.

### **Management Reports**

**Race Point Update** - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. Race Point continues to undergo ongoing maintenance. The BOC applauded Mr. Haney and expressed how nice the cabin looks. USB ports will be installed on the port side of the boat as soon as possible. Inspection will most likely take place in the next month.

**Munnatawket Update** - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. A short haul will take place to change the propellers. Annual inspection will likely take place several weeks after Race Point.

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**Silver Eel** - A haul inspection is scheduled for tomorrow. Bottom paint and light maintenance will take place after the inspection. Mr. Haney reported that he plans to have Silver Eel in the water by May 1, 2023. The boat will be available for charters until May 25, 2023, then the boat will be operating on scheduled runs. Management will reach out to the big club regarding possible golf charters. One-way trips to the big club are \$450 and round trips are \$800.

**Other** - Commissioner Shillo asked management to post new freight hours for Saturdays now that boat times have changed. Mr. McCall reported that he posted the new hours today. Discussion ensued regarding an incident that occurred with a concrete truck that was late and did not make the boat. Commissioner Shillo believes that a policy should be in place to protect time sensitive freight and perishables. Management has reinforced the policy that no commercial reservations will be taken on holidays.

Mr. Cook reported that a structural engineer was out last week to look at the corner ramp and he will have a formal report available this week. Mr. Cook also reported that he is expecting the questionnaire from Elliot Bay Design group this week.

Mr. Cook reported that an appraiser was out last week to evaluate some of the ferry buildings. The ferry house and airport buildings were valued much higher than insured. Commissioner Cashel gave an update on the freight building and the Walsh park apartments and the risk that both the Fishers Island Ferry District and Walsh Park would have. Currently the FIFD is obligated to restore the building and the portion would be based on fault. Mr. McCall will continue to work with Walsh Park regarding shared risk.

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

**Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 1, 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 T. Cashel, the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 pm.