

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Fishers Island Ferry District  
May 1, 2023

Chair Ahrens called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on May 1, 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, Jon Haney and Deanna Ross. There were no members of the public present.

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

**Correspondence/Public Comment** - Mr. McCall reported that a Blood Drive is scheduled for June 7, 2023 at the school and the Ferry is working on the logistics of transporting the Blood Drive crew on Silver Eel. Mr. McCall reported that he received a letter from Patty Faulkner requesting consideration for medical fare waiver. Mr. McCall will follow up with Patty. Mr. Cook reported that he received correspondence from Susie Parsons requesting free parking at the New London Terminal for the physical therapist who will be coming over once or twice a week this summer. Discussion ensued and the BOC believes this is a paid service and will not grant free parking.

## **Minutes**

### **Resolution 2023-065**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the following minutes: April 3, 2023

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

## **Warrant**

### **RESOLUTION 2023 – 066**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated May 1, 2023, in the amount of \$60,765.89

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

## **Budget Modification**

### **RESOLUTION 2023- 067**



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Therefore, the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District accepts the proposal for \$8,756.00 from Anchor Operating System, LLC .

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham  
Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

Ayes: Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel, Reid and Shillo  
Nays: None

**Professional Services**

**RESOLUTION 2023 – 069**

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires outdoor Wifi to support new scannable ticketing system: and

Star Computer is the most familiar with the Fishers Island Ferry District network, servers and workstations; and

Therefore, the Fishers Island Ferry District Fishers Island Ferry District Board of Commissioners, directs Management to authorize Star Computer to upgrade the Wifi capabilities at both Terminals for a cost not to exceed \$11,528,00.

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

**HR New Hires** - Mr. McCall and Mr. Haney gave the BOC updates on the new hires. Mr. Haney reported that the number of applicants has decreased. In addition, he pointed out that the hourly wage rates are minimal and applicants have to work almost a month before receiving a paycheck due to everything going through the TOS. Discussion ensued regarding wages. Mr. Haney reported that companies taking over Spicers and Noank shipyard are paying starting wages significantly higher. Union negotiations will take place in two years.

**HR New Hire**

**RESOLUTION 2023-070**

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional summer seasonal Laborers during the peak season between May 18, 2023 and September 16, 2023;

It is further RESOLVED to appoint, with effect May 23, 2023, **Alex Williams** as a summer seasonal Laborer at a rate of **\$17.00** per hour and on September 15, 2023, Mr. Williams will terminate summer seasonal laborer and on September 16, 2023 be re-appointed to part-time laborer.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

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Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham  
Ayes: Ahrens, Cashel, Burnham, Reid and Shillo  
Nays:

**HR New Hire**

**RESOLUTION 2023-071**

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Deckhands;

Therefore it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect May 11, 2023, **Joan Van Ness** as a part-time deckhand at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.

It is further RESOLVED to temporarily appoint, with effect May 23, 2023, Ms. Van Ness from part-time to full-time summer seasonal status. On September 15, 2023, Ms. Van Ness will terminate her summer seasonal position and on September 16, 2023 be re-appointed to part-time Deckhand.

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

**HR New Hire**

**RESOLUTION 2023-072**

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Cashiers.

Therefore, it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect May 11, 2023, **Tayler Sperry** as a part-time cashier at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.

It is further RESOLVED to temporarily appoint, with effect May 11, 2023, Ms. Sperry from part-time to full-time summer seasonal status. On September 15, 2023, Ms. Sperry will terminate her summer seasonal position and on September 16, 2023 be re-appointed to part-time Cashier.

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

**HR New Hire**

**RESOLUTION 2023-073**

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Deckhands;

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Therefore it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect May 11, 2023, **John Erhard III** as a part-time Deckhand at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.

It is further RESOLVED to temporarily appoint, with effect May 11, 2023, Mr. Erhard from part-time to full-time summer seasonal status. On September 15, 2023, Mr. Erhard will terminate his summer seasonal position and on September 16, 2023 be re-appointed to part-time Deckhand.

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

**HR New Hire**

**RESOLUTION 2023-074**

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Deckhands;

Therefore it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect May 11, 2023, **Jason Ibrahim** as a part-time deckhand at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.

It is further RESOLVED to temporarily appoint, with effect May 11, 2023, Mr. Ibrahim from part-time to full-time summer seasonal status. On September 15, 2023, Mr. Ibrahim will terminate his summer seasonal position and on September 16, 2023 be re-appointed to part-time Deckhand.

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

**HR New Hire**

**RESOLUTION 2023-075**

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Cashiers;

Therefore, it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect May 11, 2023, **Abigail Voigt** as a part-time cashier at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.

It is further RESOLVED to temporarily appoint, with effect May 11, 2023, Ms. Voigt from part-time to full-time summer seasonal status. On September 15, 2023, Ms. Voigt will terminate her summer seasonal position and on September 16, 2023 be re-appointed to part-time Cashier.

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

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Nays:

**HR New Hire**

**RESOLUTION 2023-076**

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Deckhands;

Therefore it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect May 11, 2023, **David Beebe** as a part-time Deckhand at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.

It is further RESOLVED to temporarily appoint, with effect May 11, 2023, Mr. Beebe from part-time to full-time summer seasonal status. On September 15, 2023, Mr. Beebe will terminate his summer seasonal position and on September 16, 2023 be re-appointed to part-time Deckhand.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham

Ayes: Ahrens, Cashel, Burnham, Reid and Shillo

Nays:

**Management Reports**

**Race Point Update** - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. Race Point's annual inspection is scheduled for the end of the month of May and everything has been in working order. Mr. Haney reported that he spoke to the teachers and Christian Arsenault at the school regarding the student reserved seating. Benches were re-labeled and decreased from 11 to 7 benches. Engineers will begin working on the two sheet metal panels and outlets over the next couple of days.

**Munnatawket Update** - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. The Naval Architects were out last Tuesday for a site visit to look at new generator installations. Mr. Haney is expecting their recommendations soon. Mr. Haney continues to look at various companies for generators. Next week, Munnatawket will be used everyday for the trial period of a designated freight boat. Regardless of whether or not a freight boat is used, the information will be used to move forward for future freight operations. There will be an additional morning boat during the peak season schedule that should help alleviate some of the stress with freight. Inspection will take place in the middle of the month of May. Mr. Haney is awaiting a schedule from Goodison Shipyard when they can do a short haul out and replace the props.

**Silver Eel** - The haul inspection was done last week and went well. The crew is working on sanding the bottom and will then apply two bottom coats of paint. Silver Eel is expected to be back in the water by Wednesday, May 3, 2023, if the weather cooperates. Regular service will start May 25, 2023.

**Other** - Mr. Cook reported that he is getting pushback from Jarod Told regarding an invoice for 72 pallets of concrete block. The Ferry District admits there was an accounting error and the second invoice was for the missed handling fee. Discussion ensued regarding the handling of pallets and the need for consistency. In addition there was discussion regarding the inconsistency of receiving freight notifications.

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**Rates** - Mr. Cook reviewed the new fare rates with the BOC. Discussion ensued. The BOC has agreed to the new rates effective May 17, 2023. Rates will be reviewed on an ongoing basis and will remain subject to change.

**Rates**

**RESOLUTION 2023 – 077**

It is RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District to approve new fares with effect May 17, 2023 as follows.

<b>Ticket Category</b>	<b>NEW RATE</b>
Auto Ferry Rates (round rip)	Yr Round
Full Fare - Adult	\$30.00
Senior / Child	\$22.00
FI School Student	\$8.00
Child (<5)	Free
Resident Adult	\$10.00
Resident Senior/Child	\$7.00
Automobile	\$70.00
Automobile - over- sized*	\$80.00
Res - Automobile	\$26.00
Res - Automobile - oversized*	\$36.00
No-Driver fee	\$20.00
One-way passenger (FI depar- ture)	\$15.00
Bicycles/Motorcycles	\$55.00
Commuter Books	
Adult (10x)	\$270.0 0

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		\$540.0	
Adult (20x)		0	
		\$630.0	
Auto (10x)		0	
Reservations – Non-Resident		\$5	
Reservations - Resident		\$2	
Reservation Change fee		\$5	
* Oversized - > 18' long and/or 6'6" high		\$10	
Silver Eel - Fast Ferry Rates		\$27 each way M - F 7am to 12:30pm	
		\$27 each way M - F 12:30pm - 5pm	
		\$40 each way M - Sat 5pm - 7am (the following day)	
		\$40 each way Sun 7am - Mon 7am	
Silver Eel COMMUTER	10 tix	\$290.0	
		0	10 Pack restricted to Morning and afternoon COMMUTER/ Round trip
Silver Eel CHARTER		\$350	One way SE Cove up to 7pm daily - + \$50 after 7pm
		\$450	One way NL to FI Club
			Two
		\$700	way



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\$250/hour min 2 hours wait time

<b>COMMERCIAL VEHICLE RATES</b>				
<b>Rates in effect May 16, 2023</b>				
<b>CHARGES ARE ROUND TRIP</b>				
<b>DRIVER MUST PURCHASE SEPARATE TICKET</b>			2022 Rates	Proposed 2023 Rates
Commercial pickups, vans, and trailers up to 18 feet			\$100.00	\$110.00
Large commercial box trucks, vans, trailers over 18 ft. per foot			\$7 / ft	\$8 / ft
Mason dump			\$126.00	\$139.00
Concrete Trucks			\$635.00	\$655.00
Triaxles, Large Compactors/Roll-Offs			\$494.00	\$524.00
10 Wheelers dumps/trucks			\$284.00	\$312.00
6 Wheel dumps/trucks			\$160.00	\$168.00
Tractor Trailer dump/ flatbed			\$771.00	\$771.00
Trailer trucks carrying gas/oil			\$694.00	\$694.00
Bicycles--Motorcycles			\$55.00	\$55.00
Heavy Equipment				
	Small-	Small rental units ie. Compressors	\$60.00	\$60.00
	Medium-	Typical style backhoes, bobcats	\$226.00	\$237.00
	Large-	Typically large excavators, front end, avators, loaders	\$430.00	\$445.00
	Super-	Large cranes and equipment	\$1,049.00	\$1,074.00
Fishers Island Waste Management Roll-Offs			\$494.00	\$524.00
Small Rolloffs			\$325.00	\$341.00
Fuel Truck 32' - 40'			\$600.00	\$600.00
Propane Truck- Small Gallon 26'			\$340.00	\$340.00
Propane Truck- Large Gallon 26' - 40'			\$560.00	\$560.00

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

**Survey Monkey** - Mr. Cook shared the draft Fishers Island Ferry District survey with the BOC. The BOC will review and make any necessary edits prior to opening up the survey to the public. The survey will run through Memorial Day weekend.

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

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**Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 15, 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 5:28 pm.