

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
May 15, 2023

Chair Ahrens called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on May 15, 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 and Dave McCall. 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. Cook reported that he received correspondence from the Town of Southold requesting use of the ferry for Town Day on August 2, 2023. The TOS will be charged the charter rate. The BOC approves. A second correspondence was received from the Fishers Island School requesting consideration for a ticket discount for a 5K race fundraiser on June 8, 2023. The BOC has agreed to charge student rates for students and teacher rates for adults.

Minutes

Resolution 2023-076

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the following minutes: April 17, 2023

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel, Reid and Shillo

Nays: None

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2023 – 077

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated May 15, 2023, in the amount of \$91,100.79.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel, Reid and Shillo

Nays: None

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It is further RESOLVED to appoint, with effect May 23, 2023, Lexi Wrobleski as a summer seasonal Laborer at a rate of \$15.00 per hour and on September 15, 2023, Ms. Wrobleski will terminate her summer seasonal position.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel, and Reid

Nays: None

HR New Hire

RESOLUTION 2023-079

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional summer seasonal Laborers during the peak season between May 15, 2023 and September 17, 2023;

It is further RESOLVED to appoint, with effect May 23, 2023, Lexi Wrobleski as a summer seasonal Laborer at a rate of \$15.00 per hour and on September 18, 2023, Ms. Wrobleski will terminate her summer seasonal position.

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel, Reid and Shillo

Nays: None

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It is RESOLVED to RESCIND 2023-070

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, **Alexander 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

Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham

Ayes: Ahrens, Cashel, Burnham, Reid and Shillo

Nays: None

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RESOLUTION 2023-080

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional summer seasonal Laborers during the peak season between May 15, 2023 and September 17, 2023;

It is further RESOLVED to appoint, with effect May 23, 2023, **Alexander Williams** as a summer seasonal Laborer at a rate of \$17.00 per hour and on September 17, 2023, Mr. Williams will terminate summer seasonal laborer and on September 18, 2023 be re-appointed to part-time laborer.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

Ayes: Ahrens, Cashel, Burnham, Reid and Shillo

Nays: None

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It is RESOLVED To RESCIND 2023-071

HR New Hire

RESOLUTION 2023-071

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, Mr. 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: None

HR New Hire

RESOLUTION 2023-081

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional summer seasonal Cashiers during the peak season between May 15, 2023 and September 17, 2023.

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It is further RESOLVED to temporarily appoint, with effect May 15, 2023, Ms. Sperry from part-time to full-time summer seasonal status. On September 17, 2023, Ms. Sperry will terminate her summer seasonal position and on September 18, 2023 be re-appointed to part-time Cashier.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham

Ayes: Ahrens, Cashel, Burnham, Reid and Shillo

Nays: None

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It is RESOLVED to RESCIND 2023-072

HR New Hire

RESOLUTION 2023-072

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Deckhands;

*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: None

HR New Hire

RESOLUTION 2023-082

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional summer seasonal Deckhands during the peak season between May 15, 2023 and September 17, 2023;

Therefore it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect May 11, 2023, **John Erhard III** as a part-time Deckhand at a rate of \$17.00 per hour.

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It is further RESOLVED to temporarily appoint, with effect May 15, 2023, Mr. Erhard from part-time to full-time summer seasonal status. On September 17, 2023, Mr. Erhard will terminate his summer seasonal position and on September 18, 2023 be re-appointed to part-time Deckhand.

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

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It is RESOLVED to RESCIND 2023-073

HR New Hire

RESOLUTION 2023-073

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: None*

HR New Hire

RESOLUTION 2023-083

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional summer seasonal Deckhands during the peak season between May 15, 2023 and September 17, 2023;

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 15, 2023, Mr. Ibrahim from part-time to full-time summer seasonal status. On September 17, 2023, Mr. Ibrahim will terminate his summer seasonal position and on September 18, 2023 be re-appointed to part-time Deckhand.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

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

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It is RESOLVED to RESCIND 2023-074

HR New Hire

RESOLUTION 2023-074

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
Nays: None*

HR New Hire

RESOLUTION 2023-084

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional summer seasonal Cashiers during the peak season between May 15, 2023 and September 17, 2023;

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 15, 2023, Ms. Voigt from part-time to full-time summer seasonal status. On September 17, 2023, Ms. Voigt will terminate her summer seasonal position and on September 18, 2023 be re-appointed to part-time Cashier.

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

Legal/City Pier

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RESOLUTION 2023 – 085

WHEREAS, the MV Silver Eel fast ferry requires dockage at the City Pier, New London, CT.

WHEREAS, the Port Authority of the City of New London has offered City Pier dockage for the sum of \$1600 per month from May 24, 2023 through September 30, 2023.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Fishers Island Ferry Board of Commissioners authorizes the Ferry Manager, Geb Cook, to sign on behalf of the Fishers Island Ferry subject to Town Attorney or District Counsel approval.

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

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

Nays: None

Management Reports

Munnatawket Update - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. Mr. Haney could not attend today's meeting because he took Munnatawket to Goodison shipyard early this morning to get new 5 blade propellers. The boat is back and is 1 knot faster.

Silver Eel Update - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. Silver Eel is in the water and available for charters. Mr. Cook has reached out to the big club with proposals for golf charters. In addition, Mr. McCall has reached out to the school regarding the possibility of using Silver Eel to transport contractors once construction gets underway.

Race Point Update - Mr. Cook reported that Race Point has been running fine and no new news to report.

Freight Boat Update - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. A trial was done last week regarding a designated freight boat. All freight was designated for the 12:30 boat. After a week of trials, neither of the freight crews liked the designated boat. On the Fishers side, all the freight coming at once was too overwhelming for the crew. Some user feedback was given. There was concern by some contractors who were waiting for certain items to do a job and they had to postpone the job until later in the day when the freight arrived. Commissioner Burnham reported that the freight area was very congested when all the contractors and big users of freight were there at one time to pick up their freight. She also pointed out that the congestion was likely due to the fact that the pick up time frame window was much smaller. Mr. Cook reported that improvements of the freight operation need to be made and they continue to work on that, including managing the flats better. The BOC supports a daily closure of the freight office to sort freight if needed; however, the time of the closure must be consistent and posted. Management feels that a designated freight boat does not work at this time. Mr. Cook reported that there is an extra 10am boat during the summer which should help alleviate limited deck space. Discussion continued regarding freight operations. Commissioner Shillo expressed concern over the way the red coolers from

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the doctor's office are handled. There have been incidences where the crew has forgot to put the red cooler on the boat. Commissioner Shillo will look into portable gps tracking tags for the red coolers going over to the L&M Hospital lab.

Traffic - Mr. Cook reported that March 2023 traffic was up by 10% and down 5% in April. The traffic corresponds to the revenue.

Ticketing Update - Mr. Cook reported that a live test of the new ticketing system will be done on Wednesday. The website and App is almost complete. The new ticketing system is set to begin June 6, 2023.

Survey Update - Mr. Cook reported that the Ferry District Survey will be published tomorrow. The survey will be posted on the Ferry website and a link will be posted on fishersisland.net, Facebook and Instagram. The survey is scheduled to run through June 5, 2023. An email blast will go out regarding the survey. Commissioner Burnham suggested that the School should send out an email blast to their list as well. In addition, the BOC feels that the survey link should be posted on the sandwich board, both boats and other places on the island in order to capture as many people as possible.

Other - Discussion ensued regarding commuter ticket rates and the price of bulk commuter ticket packs. Bulk ticket purchases should be discounted. In addition, Mr. Cook reported that the new WiFi is up and running.

Mr. McCall reported that the TOS building inspector passed 357 Whistler. The house will be rented to Hay Harbor for the summer.

Mr. Cook reported that the runway bid came back. Two bids were received from BW and Empire Paving. BW was the lowest at 1.3 Million for 1,000 feet. This project will take place next year.

Mr. Cook reported that bids for the dolphin project will be back before the next BOC meeting and will be awarded at that time.

Mr. Cook reported that EBDG will gather the survey information and should have a report by June 20, 2023.

Discussion ensued regarding the parking area behind the freight building and the annex building. Commissioner Ahrens reported that the Conservancy is willing to put up some fencing to protect the ferry park area. In addition, there was discussion regarding the water drainage problem as well as the idea of charging for parking.

Discussion ensued regarding the USCG house. The BOC continues to support acquiring the USCG house when it becomes available through GSA.

Executive Session - No Executive Session needed at this time.

Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 30, 2023, at 4:00 PM at the Community Center and via Zoom.

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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 5:24 pm.