

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
May 30, 2023

Chair Ahrens called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on May 30, 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, Carol Murphy 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.

Management Reports

RacePoint Update - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. The annual USCG inspection was last Tuesday and everything went well. The boat was taken off the run for that day for the inspection and for repairs by Cummins. The turbo was replaced and a starter was starting to fail. In addition, there were fault codes on the bow thruster which required an upgrade to the system. A new life raft will be installed this Thursday.

Munnatawket Update - Inspection of the Munnatawket will take place this Friday, June 2, 2023.

Silver Eel Update - Traffic for Silver Eel has been light, with the exception of a few busy boats prior to the holiday. Discussion ensued regarding the viability of the Silver Eel. Silver Eel uses 25 gallons of gas per run plus a captain and deck hand. Total costs for each run is \$325.00. Mr. Haney reported that there are two new captains for Silver Eel.

Freight Boat Update - Mr. Haney reported that a meeting was held the following week of the freight boat trial. Having a freight boat made it difficult for the freight staff in New London because they had to stage the freight either on the boat or in the yard due to limited storage space. It was particularly hard for the Fishers Island freight staff to process all the freight when it came over at 1:15pm. Mr. Haney feels that if the goal is to run on time, then it worked 100%. He feels it is too late in the season to implement this year. The added extra boats for the peak season will help manage freight better.

Holiday Traffic - Mr. Haney reported that the holiday traffic went well. There was only one time that three cars were left behind but all were able to go over on the next boat to Fishers. Overall the holiday weekend was successful.

Correspondence/Public Comment - Mr. Cook reported that he received a letter from Alan Eastman requesting a refund for a reservation and no driver fee for a car that wasn't sent over at the reserved time. The BOC has agreed to grant a full refund to Mr. Eastman. Mr. McCall reported he received a letter from the CSEA requesting a current list of union employees and their job information. Mr. Cook reported that the information is provided annually.

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Minutes

Resolution 2023-086

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the following minutes: May 1, 2023.

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

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2023 – 087

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated May 30, 2023, in the amount of \$56,307.07

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

HR New Hire

RESOLUTION 2023-088

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 June 7, 2023, Avery Mott as a summer seasonal Laborer at a rate of \$15.00 per hour and on September 17, 2023, Mr. Mott will terminate his summer seasonal position.

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

Professional Services - Architecture

RESOLUTION 2023-089

WHEREAS: 360 Design Plus, LLC is an architectural firm based in Old Lyme, CT.

WHEREAS: 360 Design Plus, LLC previously prepared renovation plans for FI Union Free School District properties located at 238 and 340 Winthrop Drive, Fishers Island, NY

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AND: The Fishers Island Ferry District manages a similar residential structure on behalf of the Town of Southold, located at 357 Whistler Ave requiring similar renovations:

THEREFORE, the Fishers Island Ferry Board of Commissioners accepts the proposal by 360 Design Plus, LLC, to modify certain architectural plans and prepare for procurement at a total of \$3500.00 plus a 20% overage for expenses. The Board of Commissioners also authorizes George B. Cook to sign a contract with 360 Design Plus, LLC subject to the approval of the District Council.

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel, Reid and Shillo

Nays: None

Legal – Theater Management

RESOLUTION 2023 - 090

WHEREAS the Friends of Fishers Island Theater, Inc. wishes to operate the community theater for the summer season in 2023 and 2024.

THEREFORE it is RESOLVED to authorize management to negotiate and enter into a two season contract with the Friends of Fishers-Island-Theater, Inc. to operate the community theater for \$1,000.00 per season from June 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024 subject to review by counsel.

Moved by: Commissioner Reid

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel, Reid and Shillo

IT

RESOLUTION 2023 – 091

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires Information Technology (“IT”) consultants to manage its servers, network and desktop workstations; and

Whereas a Request for Proposal was advertised in a local newspaper and one quote was received; and

Whereas management recommends Star Computers to provide IT services to the Ferry District based on best value; and

WHEREAS Star Computer wishes to enter into a service level agreement for the management and maintenance of the Ferry District’s servers, network and desktop workstations.

Therefore, it is RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes management to execute an agreement in the amount of \$1737.80 per month plus variables at \$165.00 per hour for the period May 31, 2023 through May 31, 2025 with the option of a one (1) year extension.

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

FI TERMINAL Heating Oil

Resolution 2023-092

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby accepts the proposal of Goose Island Corp. to deliver ultra low sulphur heating oil as needed between July 1, 2023 and July 1, 2025 at the barge price on the day of delivery plus .99 per gallon for transportation and other costs.

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

HR

RESOLUTION 2023 - 093

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional full-time Deckhands (FIFD) during the peak season between May 15, 2023 and September 17, 2023 and

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

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

Eliot Bay Design Group Update - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. As of today, 311 survey results are in. One common complaint was the survey is too long. Discussion ensued. The survey will be available until June 5, 2023. Management and the BOC are hopeful more people will complete the survey. Reminders to complete the survey will go out. Mr. Cook reported that the survey will be incorporated into EBDG's final report. A draft report will be available June 19, 2023 and the final report on June 26, 2023.

Ticketing Update - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. Things are moving along with Anchor. Karina has been working very closely with the folks at Anchor and entering data. Mr. Cook is pleased with the progress. All the equipment has been received and the kiosk will be set up and ready to go for the go live date,

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Tuesday, June 5, 2023. Online training will take place this week. An app will be available where users can buy tickets.

Medical Plan Review - Commissioner Shillo reported that there are very few options for health care plans that will insure people living in New York and seeking medical care in Connecticut. The plan has increased by 16%, costing the Ferry District approximately \$38,000 annually. Ms. Carol Murphy reported that the current PBS cards are a bit inequitable. Discussion ensued regarding the PBS cards and the premium buy in percentage. The current proposal was reviewed by the BOC. Ms. Murphy will present the proposed medical plan to the crew and will come back with a final resolution for next meeting.

Other - Mr. Cook reported that he received a request from Jim Ski to use the Race Point road parcel for clean soil. Discussion ensued regarding a more long term plan regarding the use of the parcel. The BOC has agreed to a short term usage.

Executive Session - No Executive Session needed at this time.

Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 12, 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 D. Shillo, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.