

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

Chair Reid called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on October 30, 2023 at 4:00 pm at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.

Commissioners Ace Ahrens, Tom Cashel, Jim Reid and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, Dave McCall, Jon Haney and Deanna Ross. Commissioner Heather Burnham was absent. 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 he received correspondence from Mr. and Mrs. Harry Parker requesting consideration of fare abatement for medical reasons. The BOC agrees. Mr. Cook reported that he received correspondence from Jim Eagan at the school. The RFP for the school project is going out next month and the school is asking the Ferry District if there is anything they can do from a cost standpoint. Discussion ensued. The BOC feels that giving a break to another tax district doesn't make sense and it would start a precedent.

Management Reports

Boats Update - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. Race Point will be out of service for maintenance the first week of December. Munnatawket will be in service during that time. Goodison and Fair Haven shipyards made an on site visit. The generators and mufflers for Munnatawket have been ordered. 3 of the 4 drawings have been submitted to MSC. Bids for the shipyard are due November 8, 2023 and will be opened November 9, 2023.

Silver Eel is winterized and shrink wrapped at Fort Rachel. Some additional maintenance is on pause for the moment until a decision is made on what direction to go with the boat. Commissioner Cashel believes management should proceed with the work because it would need to go through sea trials before using or selling it.

Mr. Haney has inquired with a consultant in New Jersey regarding the fire suppression system for Race Point. Mr. Haney received a quote of \$44,000 for consultation, equipment and installation. If the BOC agrees to move forward a resolution will need to be passed.

Dolphin/Bulkhead Update - Both slips are completed. They are dismantling the old dolphins and should be done by Wednesday. They have one more piling that needs to be put by the maintenance bulkhead and planning on leaving by the middle of next week. The chafe strips will not be hear until the end of November. Once here, they will come back to install. Mr. Cook reported that there is currently no support at the maintenance bulkhead and proper blocking would be needed. A proposal from Blakeslee was received at \$54,000 per 100 foot bulkhead. The current bulkhead is 200 feet and management would want to do at least 150 feet. This would include the bulkhead and steel decking. Mr. Cook reported that this project would be part of the 2.5 million that was bonded for the dolphins and corner ramp on Fishers. Discussion ensued. Management will finalize a cost and bring a resolution to the next BOC meeting for approval.

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Traffic Update - September saw an increase in commercial traffic. Labor Day weekend was down a little from the previous year. On-time % is good. Car and traffic revenue is up 8%.

Minutes

Resolution 2023-161

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the following minutes: August 18, 2023, September 5, 2023 and September 18, 2023

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

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2023 –162

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated October 30, 2023, in the amount of \$114,427.29.

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

Budget Mod

RESOLUTION 2023-0163

10.30.2023

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:

SM5710.2.000.300	Repairs: Silver Eel	\$ 1,000.00
SM5710.2.000.200	Repairs: Race Point	\$ 5,000.00
SM5710.4.000.950	Training	\$ 4,000.00
		\$
		\$
Total		\$ 10,000.00

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Decrease Appropriations:

SM5710.2.000.000	Repairs - All Ferries	\$ 10,000.00
		\$
		\$
		\$
Total		\$ 10,000.00

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

Workboat Show

RESOLUTION 2023 – 164

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby grants permission to Operations Manager, Jon Haney, and Engineer, John Paradis to attend the International Workboat Show November 29 – December 1, 2023 in New Orleans, LA. All expenses for registration and travel, including meals, not to exceed \$3,000.00, will be a legal charge to the 2023 District budget.

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

Chimney Repair 357 Whistler - Award

RESOLUTION 2023 – 165

Whereas the Fishers Island Ferry District intends to repair the chimney and line the flues at the #357 Whistler property; and

Whereas a Request for Proposals was issued and advertised in a widely circulated publication; and

Whereas a proposal was received, evaluated, and conformed to the published specifications; and

Whereas the proposal from Certified Chimney Service, Inc is the responsible bid;

Therefore, it is Resolved that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District accepts the bid from Certified Chimney Service, Inc for \$15,500.00 for chimney repair and liners;

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It is further Resolved to authorize management to execute contract and ancillary documents for this project after review by District counsel.

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

September Financials - Mr. Cook reviewed the Balance Sheet and the P&L sheets over the past 4 years. The bottom line is looking pretty good. Ms. Carol Murphy will be doing a mass mailing to collect airport landing fees from June 2023.

Other - Mr. Cook reported that the Conservancy's 5 year agreement to manage the grasslands at the parade grounds will expire December 31, 2023. Discussion ensued. A resolution will be provided for next meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding lease renewals. The BOC has agreed to have a working session in November to discuss all the rental parcels.

Mr. McCall reported that Saturday freight hours on Fishers will only be from 11:30am - 1:00pm during the winter. The 7:30am - 8:30am hours will be eliminated. The BOC agrees.

Mr. Cook reported that he is not aware of any change with the USCG building.

Executive Session - No executive session needed at this time.

Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 16, 2023, at 4:00 PM, at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner A. Ahrens, seconded by Commissioner T. Cashel, the meeting was adjourned at 5:19 pm.