Chair Ahrens called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on December 11, 2023 at 4:00 PM at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.

Commissioners Ace Ahrens, Heather Burnham, Tom Cashel, Jim Reid and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, Dave McCall, Jon Haney and Dee 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 -** The BOC wishes Geb Cook a Happy Birthday. Mr. McCall reported that he received correspondence from Mr. Jim Eagan which was a synopsis of his comments to the BOC from the previous meeting and is asking for a response from the BOC. Discussion ensued regarding the school's request.

# **Management Reports**

**Boats Update** - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. Race Point will be used until the end of next week and for the fuel charter on Wednesday.

Mr. Haney reported that he has looked into the cost of a fire suppression system for Race Point. Venders he has talked to recommend a CO2 system. The cost is approximately \$44,000. All the supplies could be available in 10-14 days and install would take approximately 4 days to 1 week. If the BOC wants to proceed, this would require an RFP. Mr. Haney will look to see if there is any grant money that would cover such a project. He has also agreed to get a quote for Munnatawket. The BOC agrees that both boats need to be done.

A contract was signed with Goodison last week. Munnatawket will be going to the shipyard the second week of January for a six week period. Everything that had a longer lead time was ordered. The generators are on the way and the exhaust silencers should arrive the first week in January. Blakeslee Arpaia Chapman is back for the maintenance slip and the wear strips for the rest of the dolphins.

The non weather event yesterday and today worked out fine and there was no need for any cancellations.

**Ticketing Update -** Mr. Cook reported that new ticket paper is in stock that is colored and thicker. Expired tickets in the app should automatically go away after 15 days. There have been some issues with resident senior tickets not scanning on the way back from Fishers and they are working on resolving that.

Mr. McCall reported that progress is being made to update the website, specifically with the schedules. Commissioner Burnham suggested that FI freight employees could be working on those updates during down time. Mr. McCall agreed.

## Warrant

#### **RESOLUTION 2023 – 177**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated December 11, 2023, in the amount of \$154,170.22.

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

## **Budget Mod**

#### **RESOLUTION 2023-178**

# 12.11.2023

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District Hereby amends the

**<u>2023</u>** Fishers Island Ferry District budget as follows:

### Increase Appropriations:

SM5709.2.000.100	Repairs: Munnatawket	\$ 30,000.00
SM5710.4.000.625	Terminal Supplies	\$ 8,000.00
SM5713.4.000.000	US Mail	<u>\$1,055.00</u>
Total		\$ 39,055.00

#### Decrease Appropriations:

SM5709.2.000.200	Repairs: Docks & Terminals	\$ 39,055.00 \$
		<u>\$</u>
Total		\$ 39,055.00

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

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

#### Conservancy

### **RESOLUTION 2023 - 179**

WHEREAS, the Ferry District manages the airport and parade ground lands and has previously contracted with the Fishers Island Conservancy, Inc. to maintain trails and develop the grasslands within this area; and

WHEREAS, the Fishers Island Conservancy, Inc. has again agreed to provide these services for the period 2023 through 2028 as an independent contractor, at no cost to the FIFD or the Town of Southold, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the FIFD authorizes management to execute the Independent Contractor Agreement for the period 2023 – 2028 with the Fishers Island Conservancy, Inc. and any other ancillary documents subject to the approval of the Town Attorney.

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

**Recused: Ahrens** 

### Legal – Change Order

# **RESOLUTION 2023 - 180**

WHEREAS, costs from Blakeslee Aarpai Chapman for Dolphin replacement and maintenance bulkhead repairs exceed the total approved amount by \$229,000; and

WHEREAS, Blakeslee Aapai Chapman., Inc. has presented, and management has accepted, change orders #1 and #2 for additional work; and

THEREFORE that the Board of Commissioners increases the approved contingency amount from \$104,000 to \$333,000, the total contract price not to exceed \$1,230,000.00.

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

Property

# **RESOLUTION 2023-182**

WHEREAS, Certain properties under the management of the Fishers Island Ferry District leases are set to expire on December 31, 2023; WHEREAS, the District wishes more time to evaluate its leases; THEREFORE, it is approved to extend those leases through March 31, 2024.

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

# Security Grant - Dock Lighting Award

### **RESOLUTION 2023 – 183**

Whereas the Fishers Island Ferry District was awarded a Port Security Grant to upgrade our outdoor lighting at our Fishers Island Terminal; and

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

Whereas two proposals were received, evaluated, and conform to the published specifications; and

Whereas the proposal from Lefleche Electric of \$13,000.00, is the most responsible bid;

Therefore it is Resolved that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District accepts the bid from Lefleche Electric for \$13,000.00 to install dock lighting;

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

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

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

# **Executive Session**

At 16:28 it was RESOLVED, that the Commission move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham Seconded by: Commissioner Reid Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, T. Cashel, J. Reid and D. Shillo Nays: None

At 16:41 it was RESOLVED that the Commission exit from Executive Session and resume Public Session.

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel Seconded by: Commissioner Reid Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, T. Cashel, J. Reid and D. Shillo Nays: None

### HR

# RESOLUTION 2023-181

WHEREAS the Fishers Island Ferry District Board of Commissioners wishes to show its appreciation to the employees for its exemplary service to the Island in 2023;

THEREFORE, it is RESOLVED to issue a one time bonus of \$500- to Full Time employees and \$250- to the following part time employees:

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Employee #	Bonus	Employee #	Bonus
14021	\$ 500.00	45805	\$250.00
15814	\$ 250.00	46717	\$250.00
16466	\$ 250.00	47961	\$500.00
24473	\$ 500.00	48246	\$250.00
38461	\$ 500.00	57642	\$500.00
31600	\$ 250.00	57702	\$500.00
32701	\$ 500.00	58676	\$500.00
34899	\$ 500.00	60400	\$250.00
37591	\$ 250.00	62812	\$250.00
37626	\$ 500.00	64244	\$250.00
37993	\$ 250.00	66110	\$500.00
38115	\$ 500.00	79935	\$250.00
39096	\$ 500.00	80263	\$250.00
39812	\$ 250.00	82012	\$250.00
40949	\$ 250.00	82965	\$500.00
40967	\$ 500.00	83055	\$250.00
41786	\$ 500.00	83357	\$500.00
44205	\$ 500.00	83359	\$250.00
45577	\$ 250.00	83450	\$250.00

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

Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 22, 2023, at 8:30 AM, at the Fishers Island Ferry Office and via Zoom.

# Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner T. Cashel, seconded by Commissioner J. Reid, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.