

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
March 5, 2024

Chair Reid called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on March 5, 2024 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 Carol Murphy. Secretary Deanna Ross was absent. Members of the public included Jesse Marshal.

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

Correspondence/Public Comment - Mr. McCall reported he received a letter from Amy Butowicz requesting a resident card. The BOC has requested a physical address from Ms. Butowicz. A letter was received from Mr. Jim Baker requesting permission to install a pole for an Osprey nest near the airport. The BOC approves. A request was received from Mr. Jared Toldo to install metal trusses between his two containers. Mr. Toldo was directed to the building inspector, Mr. Verity.

Marine Update - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. Mr. Haney is working on the yard package for Race Point. In addition to an overhaul on the engines which are coming up on 10,000 hours, work is also needed on the haul plate. Mr. Haney reported that adding the interior passenger cabin to the yard package would add an additional \$100,000 to the total. This would include the deck, new seating and possible dinette tables. Discussion ensued. Mr. Haney will send out two proposed diagrams. Munnatawket just returned from an excellent yard period that lasted 7 weeks. Mr. Haney really enjoyed working with the project manager. Prior going into commercial service, A dead weight survey must be conducted due to the new generators that weigh less than the previous ones, as well as the re-power that was done in 2018. No stability analysis has been done since 1978. The naval architect and USCG will be out tomorrow to take the calculations and measurements. Mr. Haney feels he should know where we stand by the end of the week.

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2024 –034

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated March 5, 2024, in the amount of \$94,441.94.

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

Wifi for Ferries

RESOLUTION 2024-035

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WHEREAS, the customers of the Fishers Island Ferry District have requested Wi-Fi access on two of our Ferries.

WHEREAS, Two quotes were received and Roamsat was deemed as best value,
WHEREAS, Roamsat Wi-Fi to ferries incorporating Starlink technology .
THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District accepts the proposal from Roamsat for the equipment required to supply Wi-Fi to two ferries for \$8300.00.

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

Fork Lift Replacement - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. One of the Fork Lifts caught fire and he would like to replace it. Mr. Cook reported that the one he was interested in came back too high and would not fit under the car deck. He is working with other vendors and will have more information at the next BOC meeting.

HR

RESOLUTION 2024-036

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Deckhands (FIFD);

Therefore it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect March 13th, 2024, Nicholas Langan as a part-time Deckhand (FIFD) at a rate of \$17.00 per hour.

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

HR

RESOLUTION 2024-037

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Deckhands (FIFD);

Therefore it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect March 13th, 2024, William Eliason as a part-time Deckhand (FIFD) at a rate of \$17.00 per hour.

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

USCG Property Discussion - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. Mr. Cook spoke with a gentleman from GSA who said the property will be going up on the GSA Website and will be on the market for 60-90 days.

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The Town of Southold has backed out of their interest in the property. Management and the BOC of the Ferry District continue to maintain a very high interest in acquiring the property for multiple reasons. Discussion ensued. The BOC has instructed Mr. Cook to move forward with the appraisal and bond process.

Silver Eel Discussion - The BOC reviewed financials regarding Silver Eel. Discussion ensued regarding the upsides and downsides of the boat. Captain Jesse Marshall feels the boat is both a money and personnel drain. Mr. Haney does not feel that the district achieved what was originally set out for the boat. Although the boat was great for grooming upcoming captains, Mr. Haney feels efforts should continue with the two large boats. The BOC and management have agreed to sell the Silver Eel. Management will move forward with a sellers survey.

Property Lease Rates Discussion - Mr. Cook reported that leases are due back by April 1, 2024 and would like to get them all out by March 15, 2024. The BOC reviewed a lease spreadsheet. Discussion ensued. The BOC has directed management to go ahead with a 10% increase and to inform tenants that all parcels will be visited and reviewed over the remainder of 2024, with new leases in 2025.

Ferry Design RFP Update - Mr. Cook reported that he is currently seeking quotes for writing the ferry design RFP.

Corner Ramp Update - Mr. Cook reported that he received drawings from Docko. Bond money has been set aside. The corner ramp project will go out to bid this summer for work that will commence next summer.

Executive Session

At 17:32 it was RESOLVED, that the Commission move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

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

At 17:58 it was RESOLVED that the Commission exit from Executive Session and resume Public Session.

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

Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 18, 2024 at 4:00 PM, at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.

Adjournment

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There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner, seconded by Commissioner, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.