

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
March 18, 2024

Chair Reid called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on March 18, 2024 at 4:00 PM at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.

Commissioners Ace Ahrens, Heather Burnham, Tom Cashel and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, Dave McCall and Jon Haney. Commissioner Jim Reid and Secretary Deanna Ross were absent. Members of the public included Jesse Marshall and Kris Dorsett.

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

Correspondence/Public Comment - Mr. McCall received an email from Mrs. Ann Anthony complimenting the crew for their kind heartedness and going above and beyond. There was no public comment.

Marine Update - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. Mr. Haney reached out to Cummins for an engine rebuild estimate for Race Point. The rebuild would not have to happen until 19,000 running hours so it could be deferred for another two years. Mr. Haney will share the rebuild estimate with the finance committee. Drawings of potential passenger cabin plans were shared with the BOC. The BOC will review and discuss at a future working session. Munnatawket had its dead weight survey the day after the last BOC meeting. Paperwork was submitted to MSC today and Mr. Haney believes things are looking optimistic. He hopes to hear back by the end of this week or early next week. Mr. Haney has been in touch with a broker regarding the sell of Silver Eel. Based on the information that the broker received, the boat would list for \$450,000 which is \$10,000 less than what it was purchased for. The broker fee would be 10%. The BOC has asked Mr. Haney to also reach out to the folks in Newport, RI who sold the boat to the District. Once a decision is made, a resolution would have to be passed. Mr. Haney reported that the spring schedule is online and has been posted. The summer schedule is ready and will be reviewed at the next BOC meeting. It will include an early boat on Mondays and a late boat on Fridays.

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2024 –038

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated March 18, 2024, in the amount of \$75,985,83.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel and Shillo

Nays: None

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Budget Modification

RESOLUTION 2024-039

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District Hereby amends the **2024** Fishers Island Ferry District budget as follows:

Increase Appropriations:

SM9710.7.000.000	Bond Interest Expense	\$ 44,695.00
SM9710.6.000.000	Bond Principal	<u>\$ 39,870.00</u>
	Total	\$ 84,565.00

Decrease Appropriations:

SM9730.6.000.000	BAN Principal	<u>\$ 84,565.00</u>
	Total	\$ 84,565.00

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

Forklift

RESOLUTION 2024 – 040

WHEREAS, The Fishers Island Ferry District (FIFD) has a 1986 Toyota Forklift that caught fire on February 28,2024.

WHEREAS, Management wishes to replace said 5000# forklift with a new 5000 forklift to be purchased using a GSA Contract.

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District accepts the quote of \$46,188 from Atlanta Forklift for a Toyota forklift and authorizes general manager Mr. George Cook to execute all contracts and ancillary documents, subject to review by counsel.

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel
Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

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Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel and Shillo
Nays: None

HR RESOLUTION RESCIND 2024-041

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District [hereby rescinds HR New Hire 2024-14](#) as follows:

HR New Hire

RESOLUTION 2024-014

WHEREAS the Ferry District has a great need for on-island freight and ticket agents; and

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED to appoint Erick Gomez a full-time Freight Agent (FIFD) at a rate of \$18.00 per hour with effect February 20, 2024, subject to a positive review by Civil Service.

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

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

HR RESOLUTION REPLACE 2024-042

Whereas, Resolution 2024-014 has been rescinded, the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry therefore approves the HR Resolution New Hire in effect March 13, 2024:

HR New Hire

RESOLUTION 2024-014

WHEREAS the Ferry District has a great need for on-island freight and ticket agents; and

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED to appoint Erick Gomez a full-time Freight Agent (FIFD) at a rate of \$18.00 per hour with effect March 27, 2024.

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

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HR/Longevity

RESOLUTION 2024-043

WHEREAS the Fishers Island Ferry District policy as described in the Employee Handbook grants a 3% longevity increase to wages when an individual has been employed by the Fishers Island Ferry District for five years; and,

It is RESOLVED to note that with effect April 25, 2024, employee 57702 hourly wage be increased by 3% to \$25.56

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

Other - Mr. Cook reported that FIDCO would like to short term lease (2 months) space near South Beach for processed stone for East End road maintenance. Mr. Cook will draw up the short term lease.

Mr. Cook reported that Mr. Jim Ski would like to extend his temporary lease for the parcel heading to the Race Rock lighthouse. The BOC approves through December 2024.

Mr. McCall reported that paving of Runway 12/30 will begin in April by B&W Paving. Paving will continue into late May 2024.

Mr. Cook reported that he talked to an appraiser regarding the USCG house. GSA will not let anyone in the house but the appraiser stated he would be able to perform an appraisal based on data. Mr. Cook has a rough number but would like to refine the bond number.

Mr. Cook spoke with the Manager at Hay Harbor who asked if the ferry house would be available to rent one month earlier. The lease would start May 15, 2024. The BOC approves at a rate of \$8,000 for that month.

The BOC has agreed to map out a plan for leased parcel site visits at the next BOC working session. Site visits of the 18 parcels will take place in the spring and fall.

Mr. Cook reported that he has been talking to two companies regarding the RFP for design of a new boat. He will have more information at the next BOC meeting.

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Executive Session

At 16:42 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, H. Burnham, T. Cashel and D. Shillo

Nays: None

At 17:32 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, H. Burnham, T. Cashel and D. Shillo

Nays: None

Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 1, 2024 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 D. Shillo, seconded by Commissioner T. Cashel, the meeting was adjourned at 5:34 PM.