

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
April 1, 2024

Chair Reid called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on April 1, 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, Carol Murphy and Deanna Ross. Members of the public included Jesse Marshall, Louisa Evans, Southold Supervisor Al Krupski, Southold Town Attorney Paul DeChance and Lauren Standish.

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

Marine Update - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. Naval architects were out today for Munnatawket regarding stability and the weight changes with the new generators. This will require some modifications at the shipyard, including some welding and framing. Mr. Haney believe the work should take approximately 2 weeks. The two boat schedule doesn't start until Memorial Day weekend. Sea Safety was also out regarding the installation of the Co2 Suppression Systems. Mr. Haney has checked into engines for Race Point. The cost of rebuild of what is there is \$135,000 for both. The cost of new is \$145,000 for both. Management and the BOC will need to discuss down the road. Mr. Haney believes that based on what the engines are run at, this could be deferred for another shipyard period if the board and management decide to do so. When Munnatawket is back in service, Race Point will be out of service for a little bit to complete some small projects. Mr. Haney attended Industry Day last week and stated that it was very informative. There was talk about cyber security and drones and some changes in licensing for Captains and USCG annual inspections.

Correspondence/Public Comment - Mr. Cook introduced Mr. Al Krupski, Mr. Paul DeChance and Ms. Lauren Standish who joined via Zoom to discuss the Trooper situation on Fishers Island. Mr. Krupski stated he does not have a sure path forward at this point and has inherited this problem as a Supervisor regarding public safety officers on the Island. Mr. Krupski reported that the State Troopers have repeatedly told the Town that they are anxious and willing to come back to Fishers but under certain conditions. Mr. Krupski gave a brief background as to what got us into this situation. The State Troopers are requesting separate work quarters from their living quarters. Mr. Krupski will be meeting with the Chief tomorrow to discuss the requirements. Mrs. Evans reported that they have come out and looked at various properties. The initial requests did get smaller because Fishers was not able to meet their needs. Based on the last meeting, Mrs. Evans stated that the Troopers thought the old barracks could be office space and the Ferry house across the street could be living quarters. Mr. Krupski reported that the Town Board is committed to fixing up the barracks. He and the Town would prefer to keep the barracks as living quarter and then find an office space that the Troopers would agree to. Mr. DeChance reported that the State Troopers were showing the Town they are trying to negotiate and resolve the issue. Discussion ensued regarding possible locations for office space. Commissioner Burnham asked if the Enabling Act would require a vote if the Ferry house property was conveyed. Mr. DeChance was unsure and would have to look into it. The BOC is in agreement that they have expressed to the community of their

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intention to put the Ferry house into the market of the year-round community. Mr. Krupski will keep Mr. Cook posted of his meeting with the Troopers and any new developments.

Airport Paving Update - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. A pre-construction meeting will take place tomorrow morning at 9am. Paving of one end of the runway (1,000 feet) is expected from 4/15/24 - 5/15/24 by B&W Paving. This is Phase I of III phases of airport paving.

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2024 –044

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated April 1, 2024, in the amount of \$214,867.76.

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

HR RESCIND 2024-045

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District [hereby rescinds HR New Hire 2024-37](#) as follows:

HR NEW HIRE

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

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

HR RESOLUTION RESCIND 2024-046

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District [hereby rescinds HR New Hire 2024-42](#) as follows:

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HR NEW HIRE

RESOLUTION 2024-042

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: None

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel, Reid and Shillo

Nays: None

HR RESOLUTION REPLACE 2024-047

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 April 10,2024:

HR NEW HIRE

RESOLUTION 2024-000

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 April 10, 2024.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel and Shillo

Nays: None

Resolution 2024 – 048

Professional Services

WHEREAS, The Fishers Island Ferry District Board of Commissioners (BOC) has determined that the passenger Ferry “Silver Eel”, providing quick transportation between New London and Fishers Island and

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part of the Fishers Island Ferry District (FIFD) fleet has not met the financial expectations after four years of service.

WHEREAS, Fish Yacht Sales, Niantic, CT is a local Yacht Broker providing services throughout New England and has provided a contract for the exclusive right to sell.

THEREFORE, the BOC of the FIFD would like to engage Fish Yacht Sales to help the District sell the Silver Eel.

Now, THEREFORE the BOC waives the requirement of a second quote in Guideline 8 of the FIFD Procurement Policy; and be it further

RESOLVED that the BOC of the FIFD hereby accepts the Listing Agreement with Fish Yacht Sales dated March 12, 2024 and authorizes the District Manager to execute the professional services contract, subject to the approval of District Counsel.

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

Resolution 2024 – 049

Professional Services

WHEREAS, Maritime Consulting Partners (MCP), specializing in vessel planning and construction management, based in Seattle, Washington, has presented a proposal to the Fishers Island Ferry District (FIFD).

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners (BOC) of the Fishers Island Ferry District (FIFD) has sought out a firm that could support the development and manage a solicitation for Contract Design for a new Ferry.

WHEREAS, Management of the FIFD has received several reference recommending MCP and MCP has provided a comprehensive proposal and operating schedule for a total cost not to exceed \$70,000.

WHEREAS, the BOC of the FIFD has determined that it would not be in the best interests of the taxpayers of the FIFD to seek alternative proposals or quotations from other engineering firms who do not possess EBDG's experience, qualifications and institutional knowledge.

Now, therefore be it RESOLVED that the BOC waives the requirement of a second quote in Guideline 8 of the FIFD Procurement Policy; and be it further

RESOLVED that the BOC of the FIFD hereby accepts the proposal of Maritime Consulting Partners dated March 21, 2024 and authorizes the District Manager to execute the professional services contract, subject to the approval of District Counsel.

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

Life Insurance Renewal

RESOLUTION 2024 - 050

WHEREAS the current contract with Shelter Point Life Insurance Company for life insurance expires on May 1, 2024, and Shelter Point Life Insurance Company confirmed that they would hold the rates for another year, and management recommends renewing its contract with Shelter Point Life Insurance Company based on best value; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the quote from Shelter Point Life Insurance Company for a one-year contract, directs and authorizes Mr. Geb Cook to execute the contract and any ancillary documents, and authorizes management to pay invoices when properly invoiced and approved by management.

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

Dental Insurance Renewal

RESOLUTION 2024 - 051

WHEREAS the current contract with EDT MetLife Dental ([Metropolitan Life Insurance Company](#)) for dental insurance expires on May 1, 2024, and MetLife has confirmed they would hold their rates for another year, and management recommends continuing the MetLife plan based on best value;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby directs and authorizes Mr. Geb Cook to execute a contract for the \$2,000 maximum yearly benefit plan with MetLife Dental insurance, administered by Employer's Dental Trust, and any related ancillary documents, and authorizes management to pay invoices when properly invoiced and approved by management.

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

Other - Mr. McCall reported that he received a letter of correspondence from the Town of Southold requesting to use the ferry to come to Fishers for the town meeting in August 2024. The BOC is in agreement and Mr. McCall will respond to the Town.

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Executive Session

At 17:05 it was RESOLVED, that the Commission move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Human Resources.

Moved by: Commissioner H. Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner A. Ahrens

Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, T. Cashel, J. Reid and D. Shillo

Nays: None

At 17:14 it was RESOLVED that the Commission exit from Executive Session and resume Public Session.

Moved by: Commissioner H. Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner J. Reid

Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, T. Cashel, J. Reid and D. Shillo

Nays: None

Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 15, 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 H. Burnham, seconded by Commissioner D. Shillo, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.