

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Fishers Island Ferry District  
May 28, 2024

Chair Ahrens called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on May 28, 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. 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 that he received a letter from Nate Chaves outlining a proposal for the art exhibition at the bunker on June 15, 2024. Mr. Chaves stated he has obtained insurance and there would be no permanent change to the bunker. The BOC asked that management clarify his insurance to cover liability, as it only stated medical. The BOC supports upon this contingency.

Correspondence was received from Mr. Ian Lockey requesting a year round residency card. Mr. Lockey has been on Fishers Island since March 2024 and plans on living here through the winter. Mr. McCall stated that he received his application today. The BOC approves after a 4 month waiting period per policy.

Mr. McCall reminded all that the ferry elections will be taking place on Tuesday, August 13, 2024. Commissioner Ahrens will be stepping down.

An email was received by Mrs. Jane Ahrens requesting a special boat to pick up the blood drive phlebotomists at 3:45 or 4:00 pm on Tuesday, June 4, 2025. The BOC approves and Mr. Haney stated this would not be a problem and Commissioner Ahrens will respond to Mrs. Ahrens.

**Marine Update** - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. The Fire Suppression System has been installed on both the Race Point and Munnatawket. Pressure test will happen in June. Munnatawket has its annual inspection this Thursday and Race Point next Tuesday. Mr. Haney spoke with the broker today regarding the sell of Silver Eel, and there has been no new news but still has 2 people interested from Alaska. Silver Eel has been chartered for the crew from B&W Paving at \$650 per trip.

Mr. Cook reported that the RFP for ferry design is complete and he will share with the BOC and the Town Attorney. This RFP is to hire a naval architect for the design of the new boat. Mr. Cook also reported he is working on a grant for the new ferry. It is focused on diesel which is still considered the most efficient from a cost stand point; however, will still consider hybrid. R-99 fuel would lower emissions.

Mr. Cook reported that Internet is now on the Race Point and the address and password is posted. Munnatawket will be up and running next week. Management will publish on various platforms when both boats are finished.

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Mr. Cook shared the reservation manifest from last Friday. There were only a few who made multiple reservations. Discussion ensued and management will continue to work out the issues and add more inventory when needed.

**Other** - Mr. Cook asked the BOC if there is need for an informational meeting regarding the USCG building before June 4, 2024. The BOC has agreed to have an information session this Thursday, May 30, 2024 at the Community Center.

Mr. McCall reported that a walk around of leased properties will take place June 3, 2024 from 9am-11am. This will include both management and the BOC.

**Warrant**

**RESOLUTION 2024 –071**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated May 28, 2024, in the amount of \$110,974.89.

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

**Budget Modification**

**RESOLUTION 2024-072**

**05.28.2024**

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

**Rescind Resolution 2024-062 (04.29.2024)**

**Increase Appropriations:**

SM1420.4.000.000	Legal Expense	<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 20,000.00</b>

**Decrease Appropriations:**

SM5710.4.000.350	Fuel: Silver Eel	<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 20,000.00</b>

**AND Replace with 2024-000**

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**Decrease Appropriations:**

SM5710.2.000.100	Repairs: Munnatawket	<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 20,000.00</b>

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

**HR New Hire**

**RESOLUTION 2024-073**

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional summer seasonal Laborers during the peak season between May 15, 2024 and September 15, 2024;

Therefore, it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect June 5, 2024, Marlen Bloethe as a part-time summer seasonal Laborer (FIFD) at a rate of \$17.00 per hour and on September 15, 2024, Ms Bloethe will terminate summer seasonal laborer and on September 16, 2024 be re-appointed to part-time laborer.

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

**HR RESOLUTION RESCIND 2024-074**

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby rescinds HR New Hire 2024-068 (dated 5.13.2024) as follows:

**HR New HIRE**

**RESOLUTION 2024-068**

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Deckhands (FIFD);

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Therefore it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect May 22, 2024, Timothy Silva a part-time Deckhand (FIFD) at a rate of \$17.00 per hour.

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

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

**HR New Hire**

**RESOLUTION 2024-075**

**HR RESOLUTION AMEND**

**HR RESOLUTION 2024-068**

Whereas, Resolution 2024-068 has been rescinded, the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry therefore amends and approves the HR Resolution New Hire below, in effect 05.22.2024,

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Deckhands (FIFD);

Therefore it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect May 22, 2024, Timothy Silva, Jr a part-time Deckhand (FIFD) at a rate of \$17.00 per hour.

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

**Lost Freight Settlement**

**RESOLUTION 2024-076**

WHEREAS, the District was presented with a claim by Steve Head for the sum of \$125.00 as reimbursement for a lost parcel;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District has determined that it is in the best interests of the District to resolve this claim to avoid the expense and uncertainties of litigation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District approves the settlement of this claim, and directs management to make payment of the settlement amount of \$125.00 subject to the approval of District Counsel and the Southold Town Attorney.

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

**Executive Session**

At 16:51 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 T. Cashel  
Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, T. Cashel, J. Reid and D. Shillo  
Nays: None

At 17:05 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, June 10, 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 J. Reid, seconded by Commissioner H. Burnham, the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 PM.