

**Minutes of the Meeting
Of the
Board of Commissioners
Of the
Fishers Island Ferry District**

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District was held in the Fishers Island Community Center on **Tuesday, September 15, 2009** at 5:00 PM.

Present were Commissioners: Ahman, Brooks, Burnham, duPont and Edwards.
20 members of the community attended as well as two representatives from Red Sky Marine.

Minutes of the previous meeting of September 1, 2009 were distributed to the Board. After a brief discussion and a minor correction, the new minutes were submitted and approved.

Moved by Commissioner Edwards;
Seconded by Commissioner Ahman.
Ayes all.

A listing of the outstanding obligations of the District was distributed to the Board for audit and discussion. Commissioner Edwards asked about bill #247 in the amount of \$1707.00 being sent to Tony Tremaine. He was told that the invoice that was pulled and sent to Tony Tremaine was in the amount of \$2,347.81 and sent to Mr. Tremaine a couple of weeks ago. There is a copy of the invoice and the cover letter in the office. At the conclusion of the discussion, a resolution to pay the outstanding obligations of: **\$46,885.37** as represented by vouchers **#351 through #389**, dated September 22, 2009 was;

Moved by Commissioner duPont,
Seconded by Commissioner Burnham;
Vote of the Board of Commissioners:
Ayes: Commissioners: Ahman, Brooks, Burnham, duPont and Edwards.
Nays: None

Correspondence

1. A letter from Red Sky Marine and some Fishers Island Teachers requesting the use of the Fishers Island ferry docks for a charter service was distributed. The result of a lengthy discussion was that no docking, picking up or dropping off of passengers will be allowed on the Ferry District docks. Signs will be posted on a number of pilings along the docks and known dock users will be notified.
2. A year round pass was submitted and approved for Chris Macaluso, his wife Lisa and children Joseph and Amy. Chris is the new Special Ed teacher at the school and he and his family have moved to the island.

Old Business

1. The 9:00 AM boat/charter was again discussed. The boat is not to be scheduled but used to offset any overflow from the 7:00/8:15 AM. The minimum charter charges will not apply; commercial charges only.
2. The District Counsel has rendered his decision of the Article 11 issue. Basically, he found no conflict of interest with either party concerned. Commissioner Brooks thought that the attorney had not answered the question properly and that “he did not do his job”. It was suggested that Commissioner Brooks submit his question to the District Counsel.
3. The Tom Ravino fence has been installed around the propane bottles as requested. Commissioner Brooks provided a Jack Raridon/Tom Ravino sketch from 12/22/05 showing a full perimeter fence and wondered why that fence was not installed. He also stated that he checked online and a second egress is necessary in the fence. Also, there are still bottles lying outside of the fence. Mr Ravino will be contacted to expand the area of the fence to include all of the bottles on the property. In addition, he is to insure a second egress as required **by code** per Commissioner Brooks.
4. The Race Point road repair was discussed with the Fishers Island supervisor of the Southold Highway Department. He has suggested removing some of the beach stone at the end of the runway to use for the repair of the road. C&S Engineers will be contacted to see if this solution will be allowed by the FAA and NYDEC.

New Business

1. The Ad Hoc Committee, which has not had a meeting as yet, submitted a list of goals that they would like to accomplish. They also submitted a financial form that they would like use into the future. They feel the District will face a \$400,000 deficit for this coming year. The Manager asked if anyone had noticed in the District’s August numbers that the revenues were \$400,000 higher than the expenditures. He also felt that the \$400,000 projected deficit was much too high.
2. A fuel surcharge is not necessary at this time. However, should the fuel oil price escalate to \$2.20, the Board should consider an increase.
3. B&W Paving has asked for a discount for the numerous trips they plan on using for their upcoming paving project. The Board would like to know how many trip/charters they plan on using and what is the timing of the project?
4. Chairman duPont furnished a map detailing the Wetlands Mitigation proposal from FIDCO, with regards to an environmental swap for the NYDEC. A question concerning, “selling or conveying property” found in Article 16 of the Enabling Act was discussed. The question will be directed to the District Counsel. A Public Hearing should probably be held before any action is taken.
5. A resolution to increase the salary of Robert Craft, who has obtained his Captain’s License, was submitted. According to the approved “employee ladder”, all deckhands who attain the rank of Captain will have their wage increased to \$11.00. The resolution passed, with Commissioner Brooks dissenting.

6. Meeting Agenda items must be received by the Friday before meetings and meeting packages will be ready on the following Monday. In the future, agendas will include 2 Public Comment sessions, one at the beginning, one at the end
7. Chairman duPont feels that Paul Giles should receive his 2009 Commissioner fees due to him for service already rendered. The Board agreed.

Public Comment

1. What is the boat that is tied up at the New London dock?
 - a. It belongs to Captain Easter.
2. Does he pay rent and why isn't he listed in the leases?
 - a. He pays \$100.00 per month and there is no lease, however we will draw up a lease and add him to the list.
3. Are you working on updating the voting rules and regulations?
 - a. Yes, our new District Counsel will be reviewing all of the Suffolk County voting requirements as they pertain to the Ferry District.
4. Do you have a policy concerning waiting for a train arrival in New London?
 - a. Yes, but it is effective for the last scheduled boat only.
5. Why don't you give the teachers a break on the fares?
 - a. They are just like any other island employees traveling on the boat. They are actually paying more money for their charter service.
6. Shouldn't the Ferry District have a Public Relations push explaining all of the good things that occur? It seems that a lot of misinformation has been fed to the public and it needs to be cleared up.
 - a. No answer

Next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6th, in New London at 1:30 PM. The Board approved supplying passenger tickets to all who attend the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

Thomas F. Doherty
Manager/Secretary
Fishers Island Ferry District